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Step-by-step instructions for 25 different breeds





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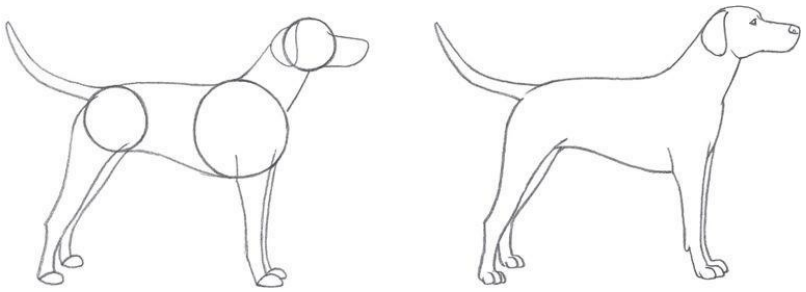
Learn to draw and color 25 favorite dog breeds, step by easy step, shape by simple shape!

Illustrated by Diana Fisher

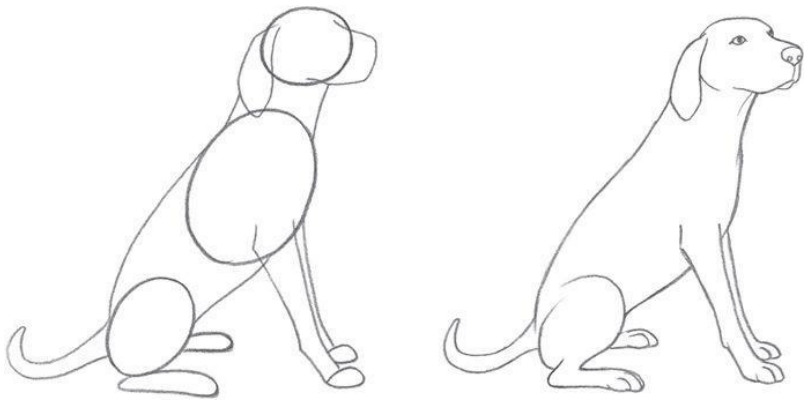
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Getting Started

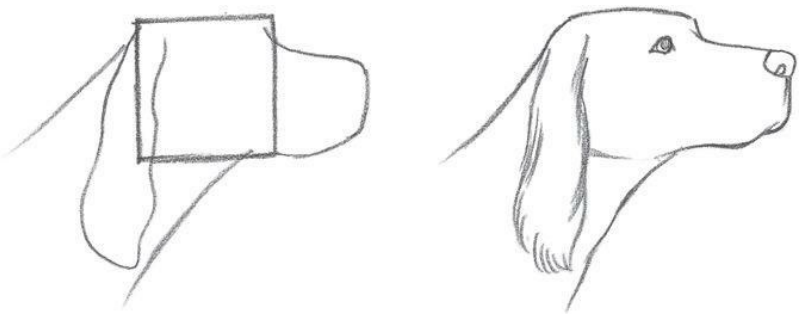
When you look closely at the drawings in this book, you'll notice that they're made up of basic shapes, such as circles, triangles, and rectangles. To draw all your favorite dogs and puppies, just start with simple shapes as you see here. It's easy and fun!



Circles are used to draw this dog's head, chest, and hips.



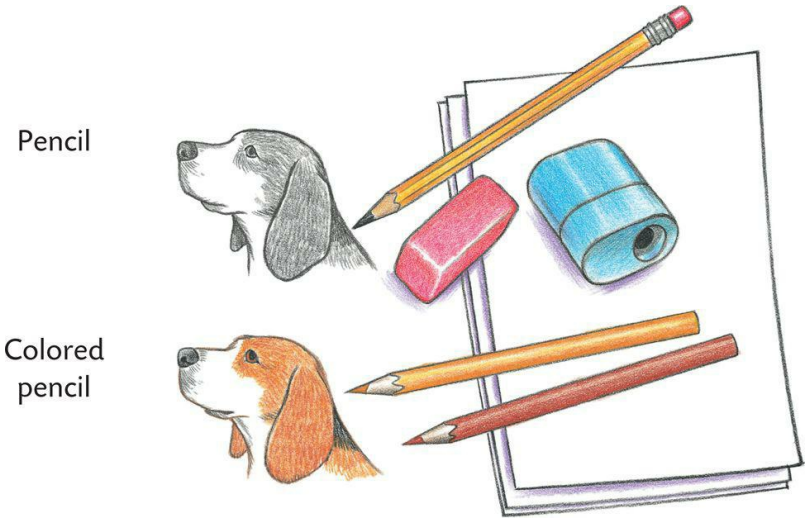
Ovals are good for drawing a sitting dog's chest and hips.

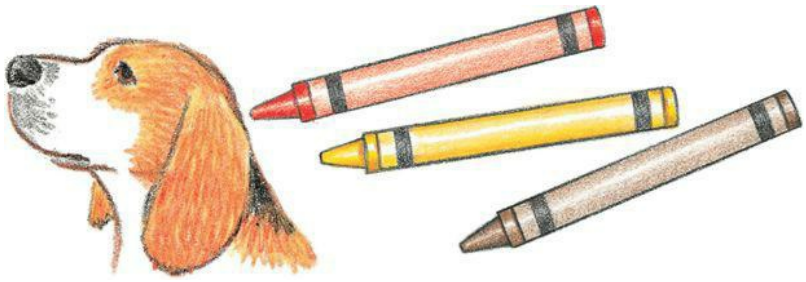


Squares **are best for drawing a dog that has a blocky head.**

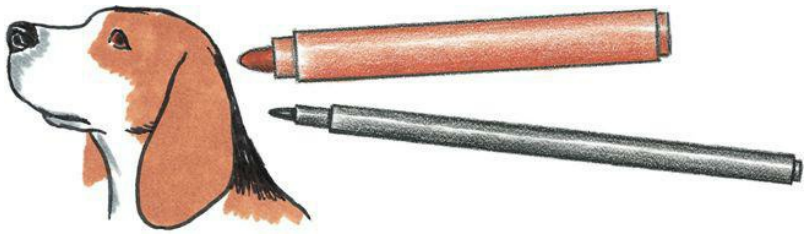
Coloring Tips

There's more than one way to bring your furry friends to life on paper —you can use crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Just be sure you have plenty of good "dog colors"—black, brown, and white, plus yellow, orange, and red.





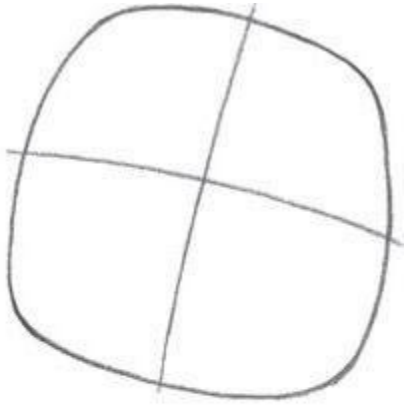
Crayon



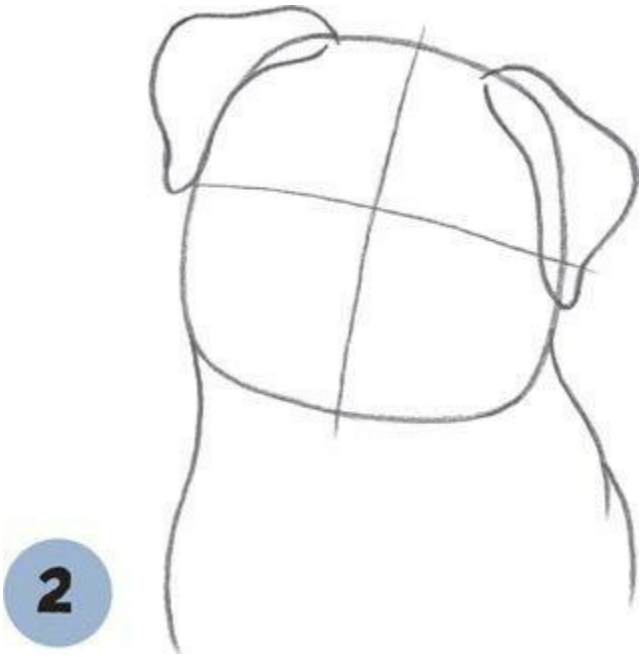
Marker

Pug Puppy

Adult Pugs have square faces with deep wrinkles. But this Pug is just a pup, so its face is smoother and more rounded.



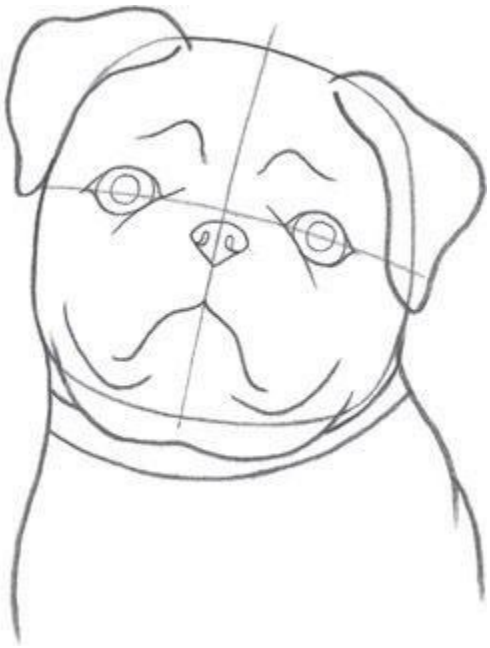
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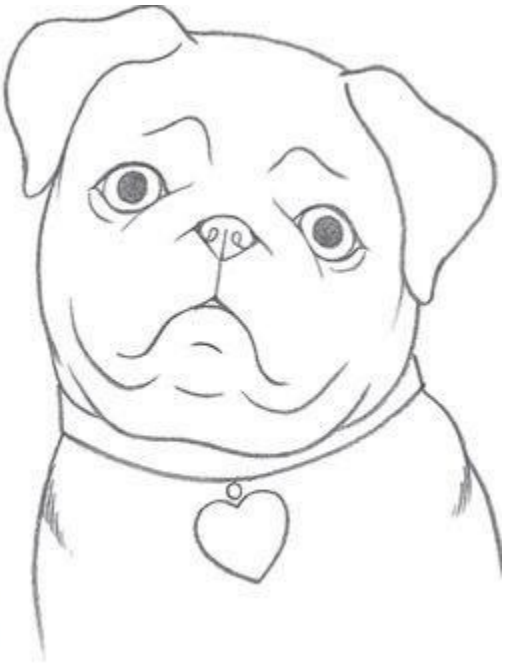
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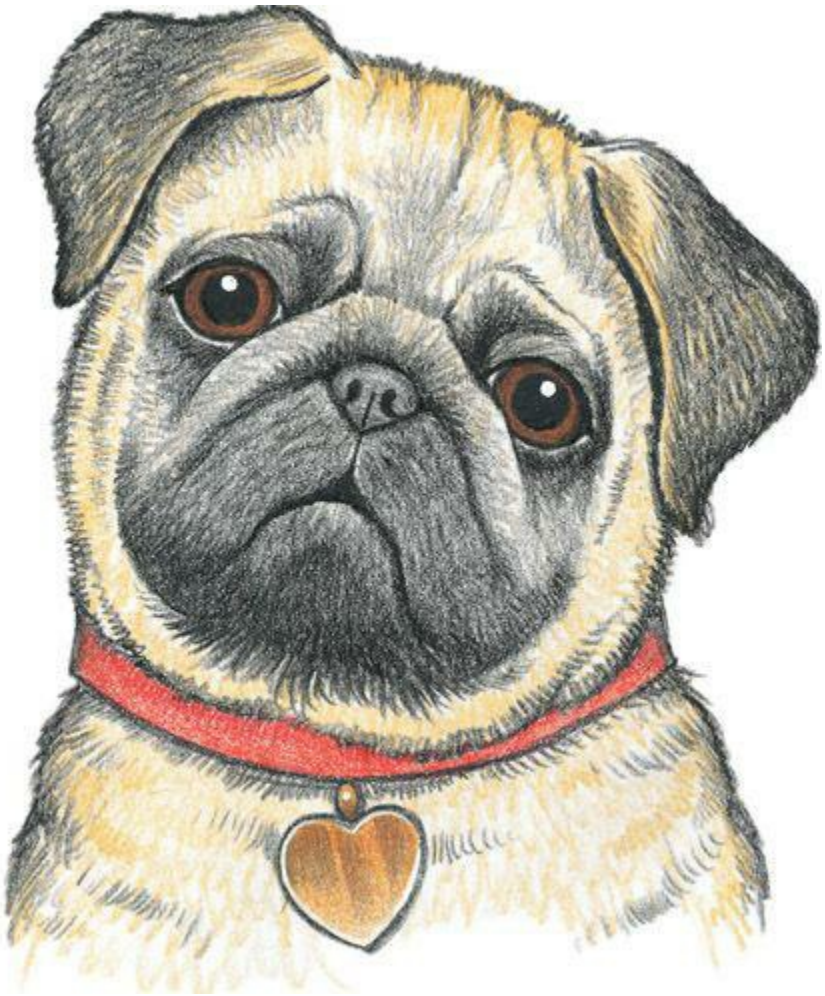
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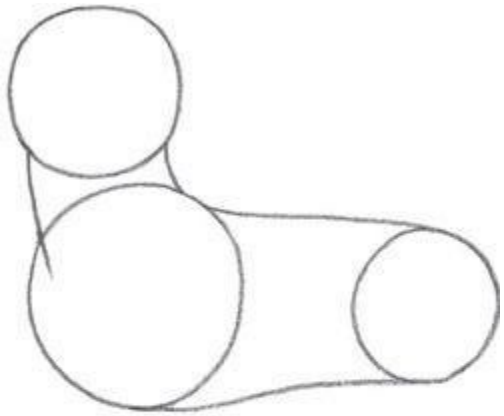
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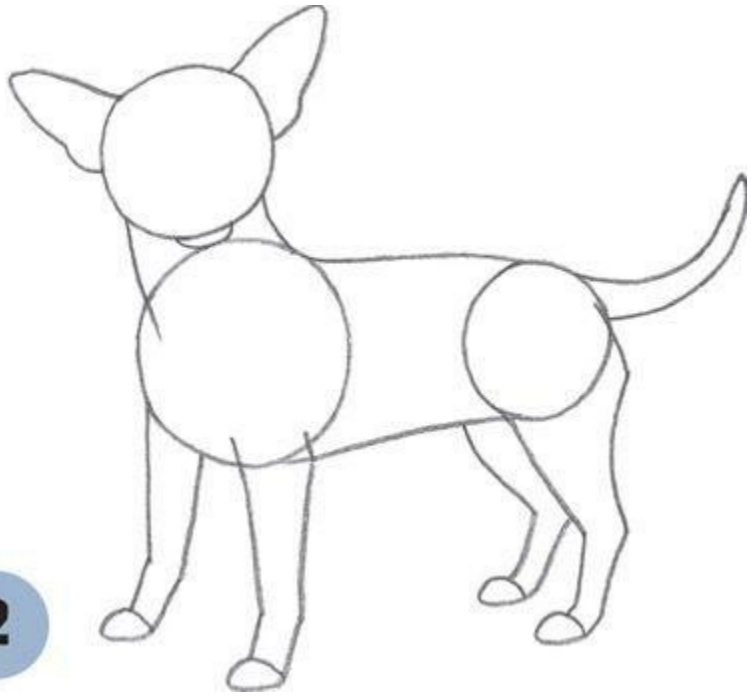
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Chihuahua

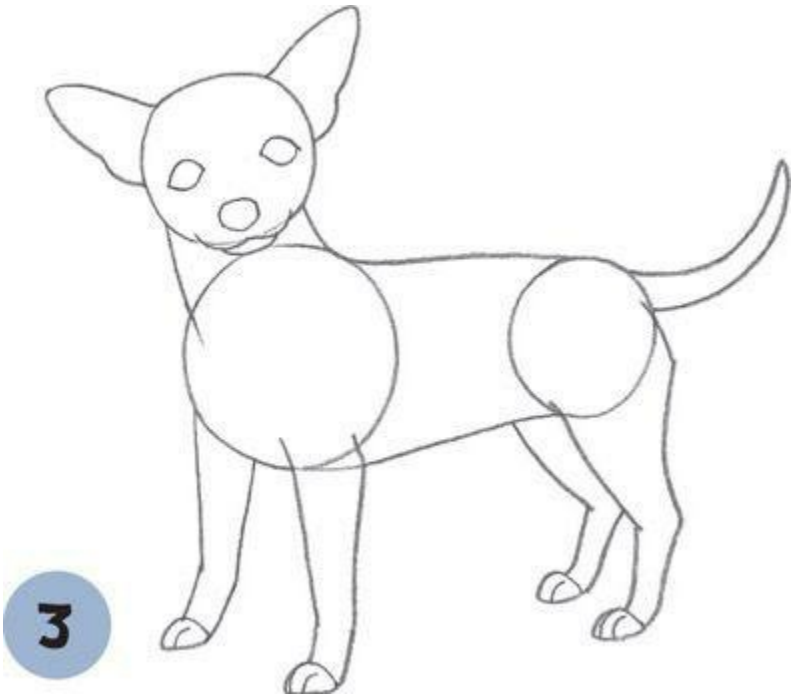
Use circles for the Chihuahua's tiny body. Then draw short legs. Be sure to add big, round eyes and large, triangular ears!



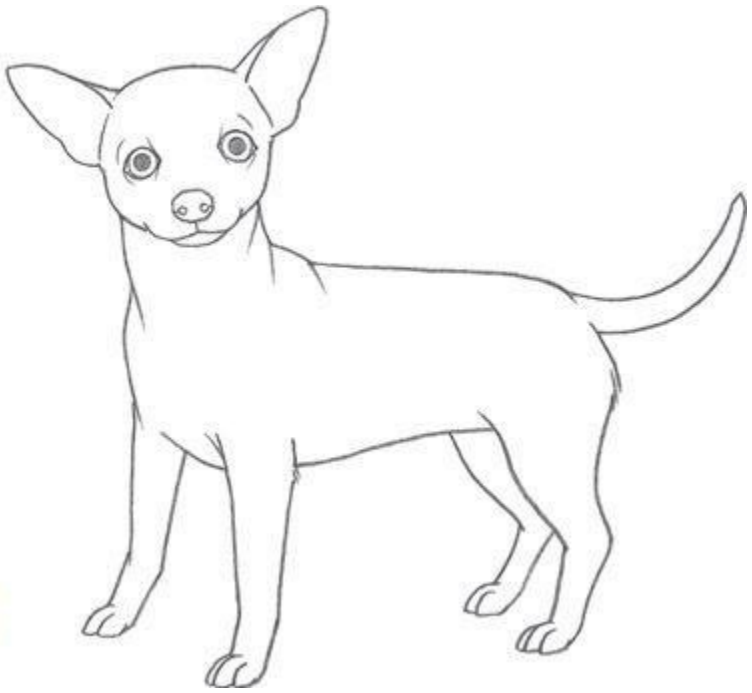
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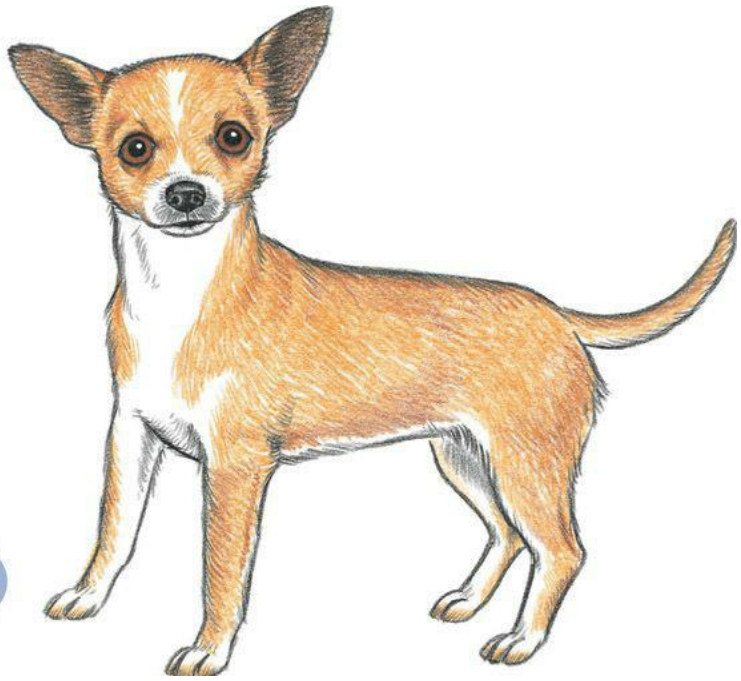


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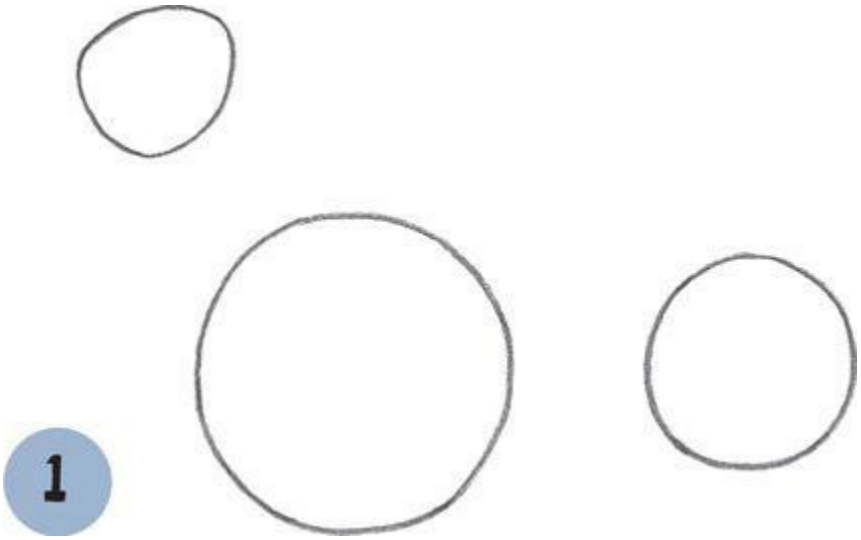
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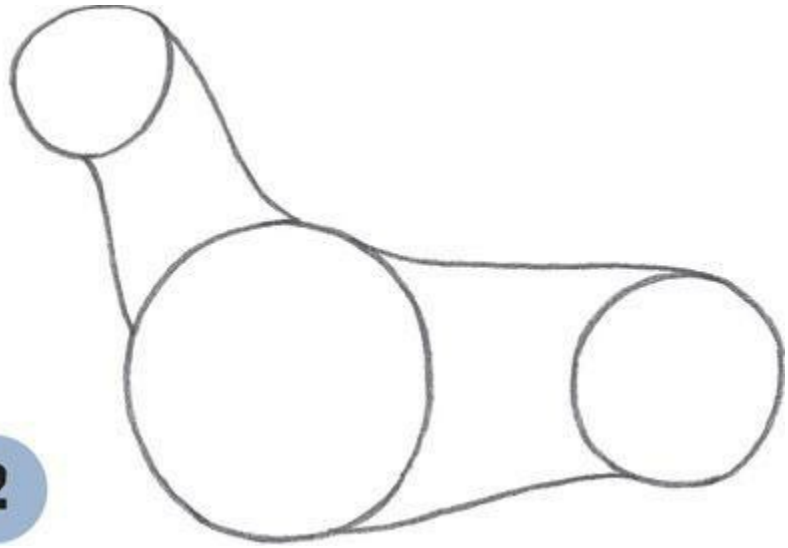
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According to the American Kennel Club (AKC), the Chihuahua is the smallest breed of dog! A full-grown Chihuahua measures from 6 to 9 inches tall at the shoulder and weighs only 2 to 6 pounds!

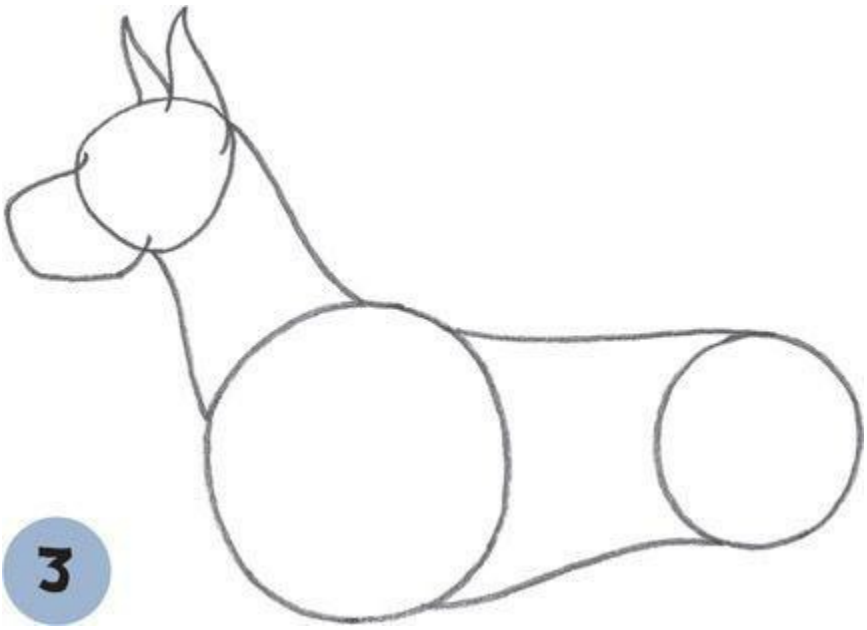
Great Dane

This gentle giant is very tall with a long body. Draw a big circle for the chest. Then add the head and hips with smaller circles.



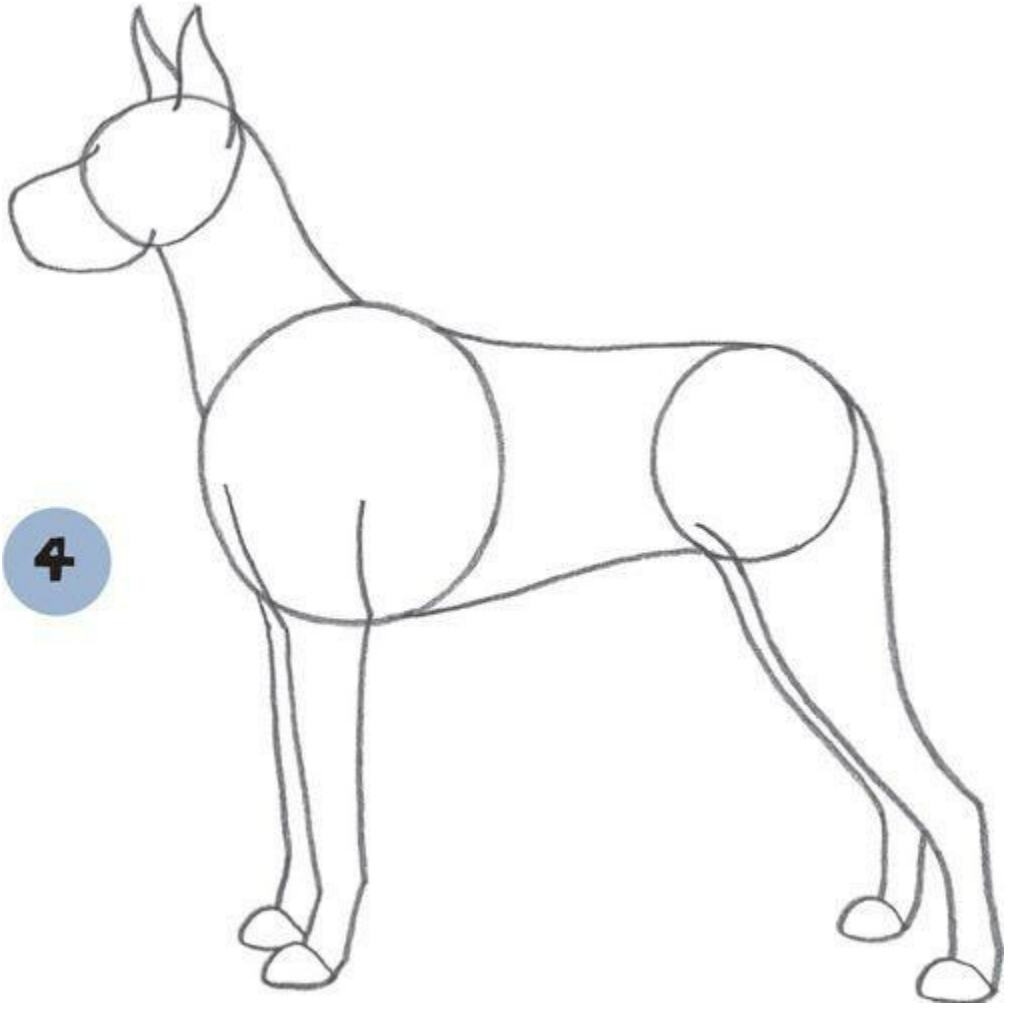


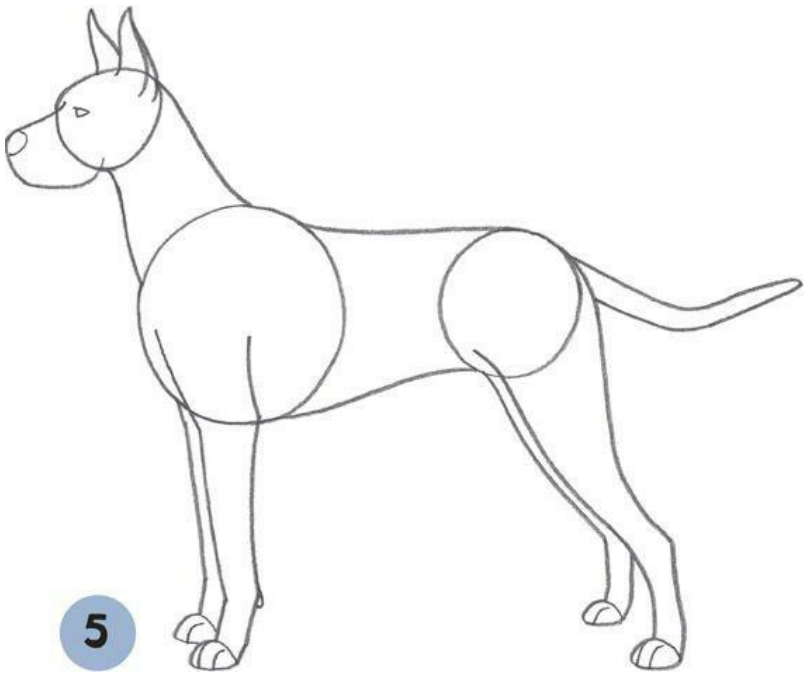
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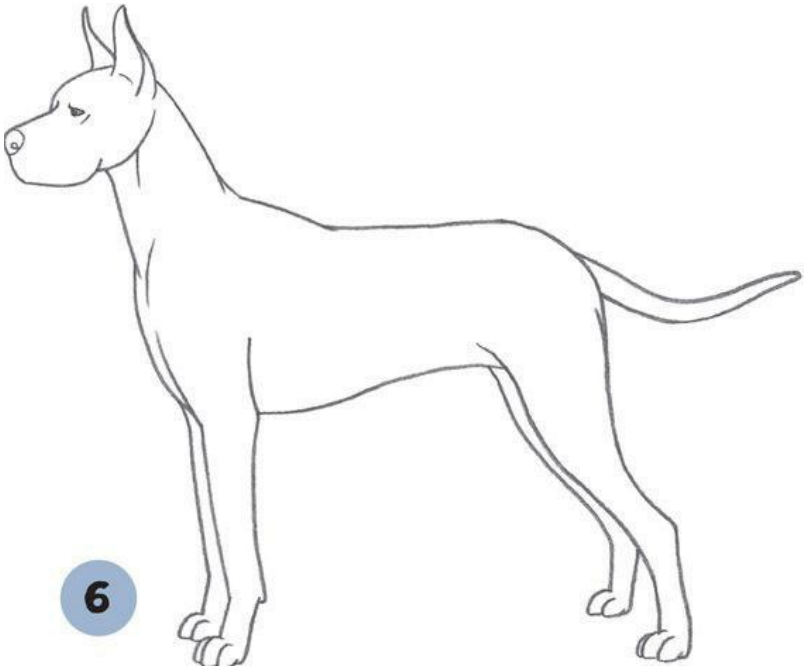
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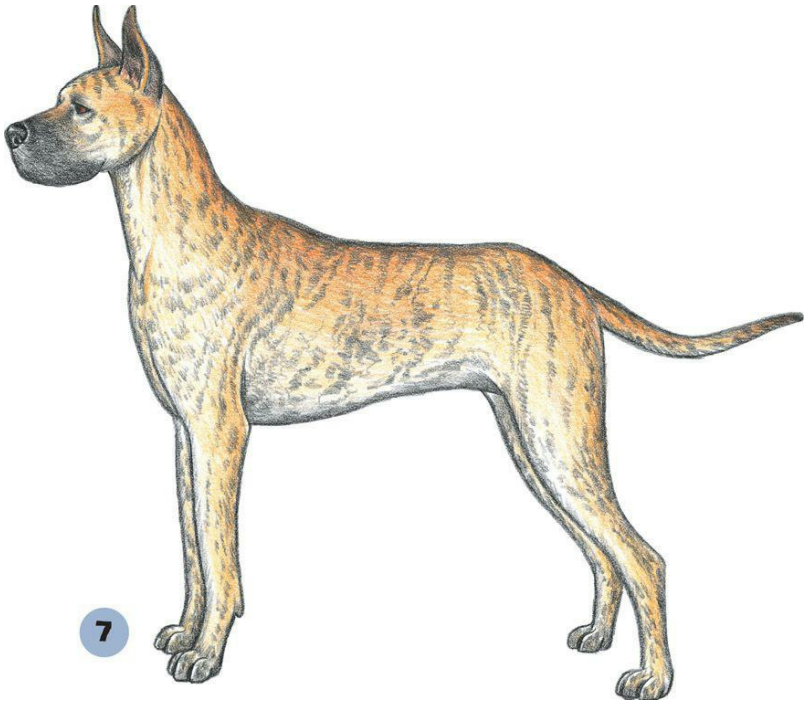
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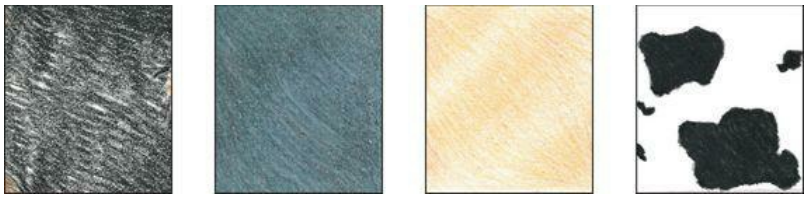


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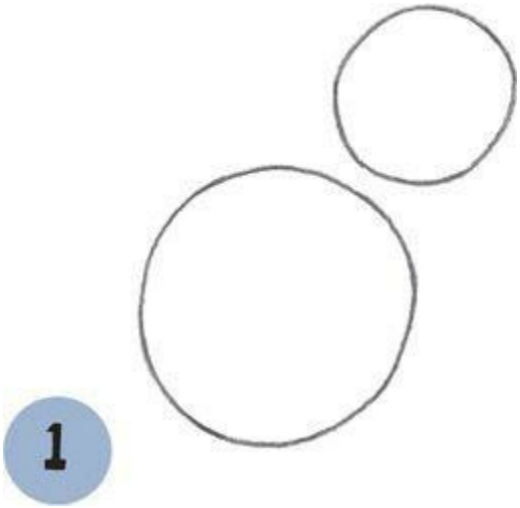
The dog shown here is brindle colored. But Great Danes can also be black, blue, fawn, or harlequin.

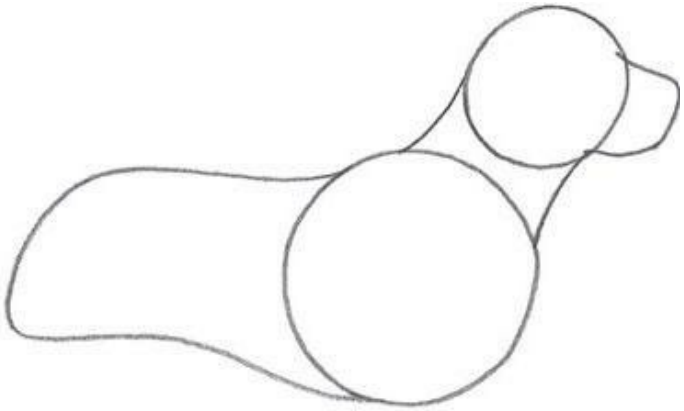
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The name “Great Dane” makes people think these dogs are Danish (from Denmark). But the Great Dane (also known as Deutsche Dogge, meaning “German Dog”) is the national dog of Germany, where the breed originated.

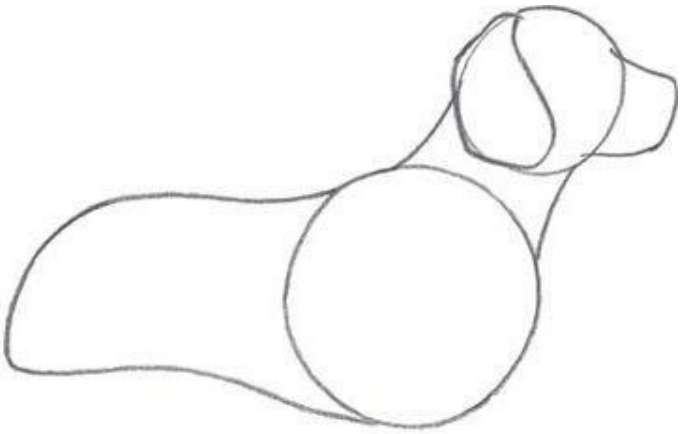
Beagle

When drawing this popular hound, look at its unique features, such as its straight forelegs, upright tail, and long ears.



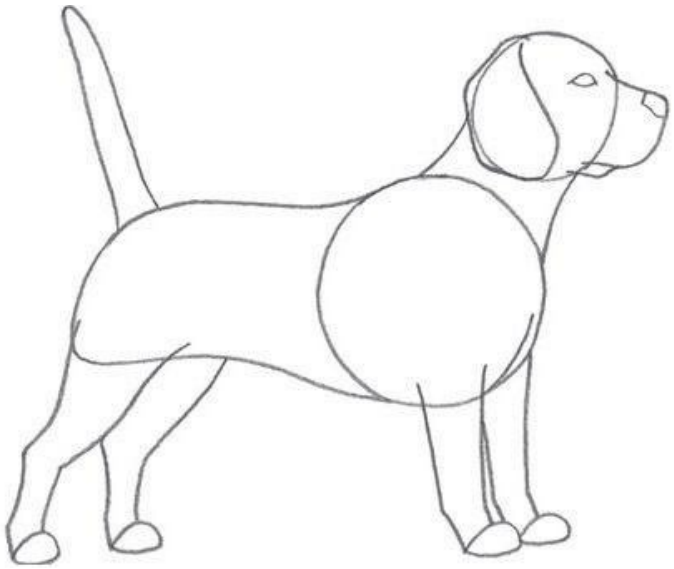


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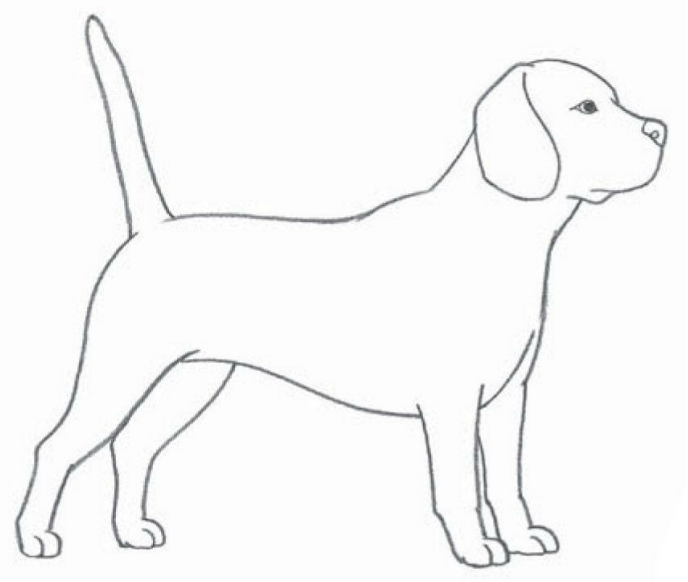


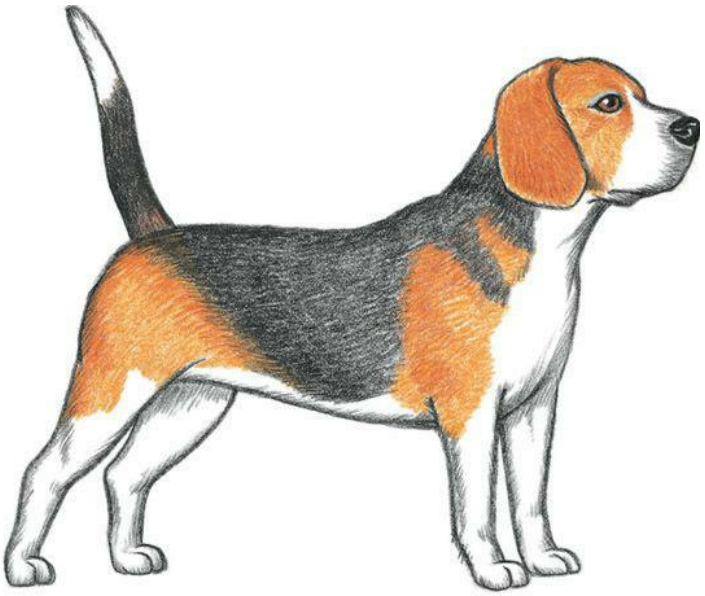
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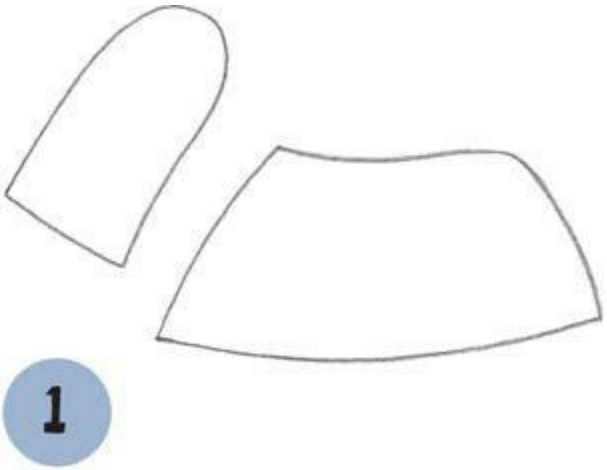


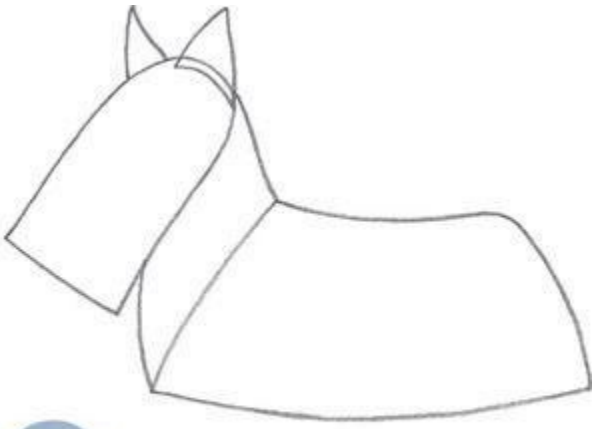


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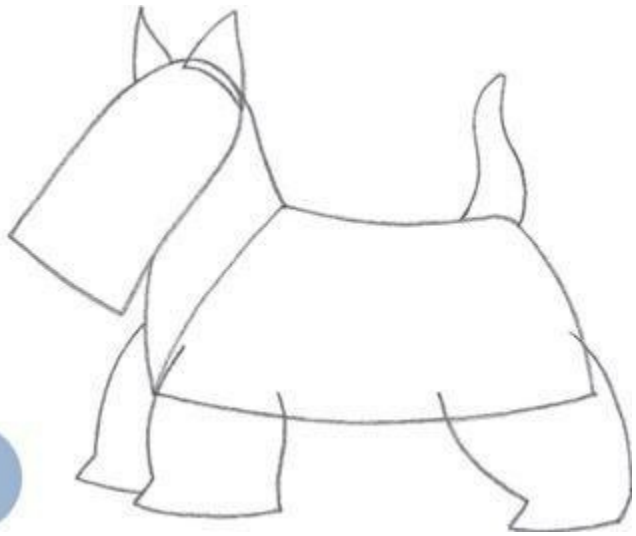
Scottish Terrier

Scottie dogs have many unusual features, including a long head, ears that stand up straight, a bushy beard, and “eyebrow” tufts.

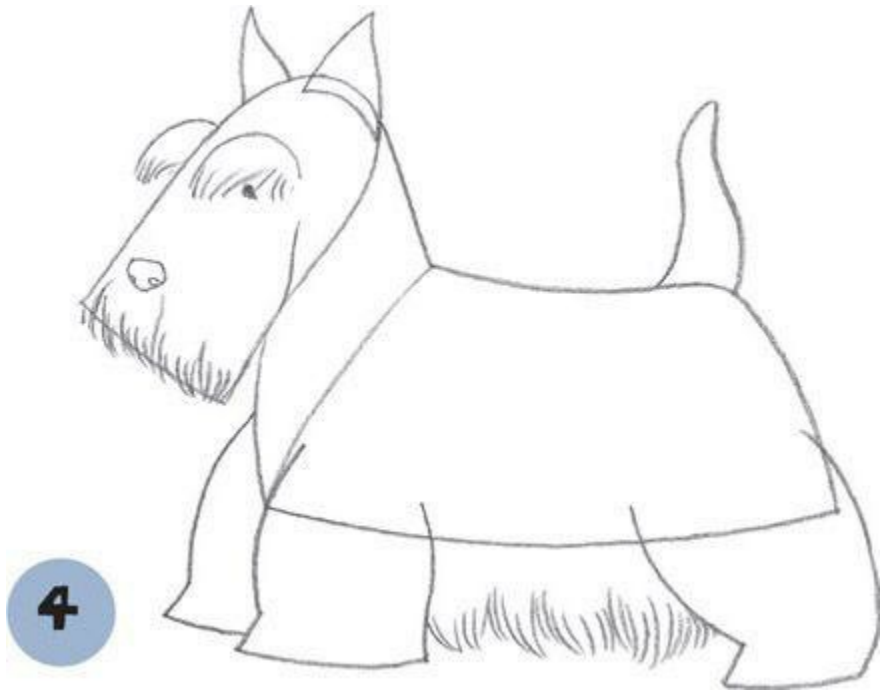




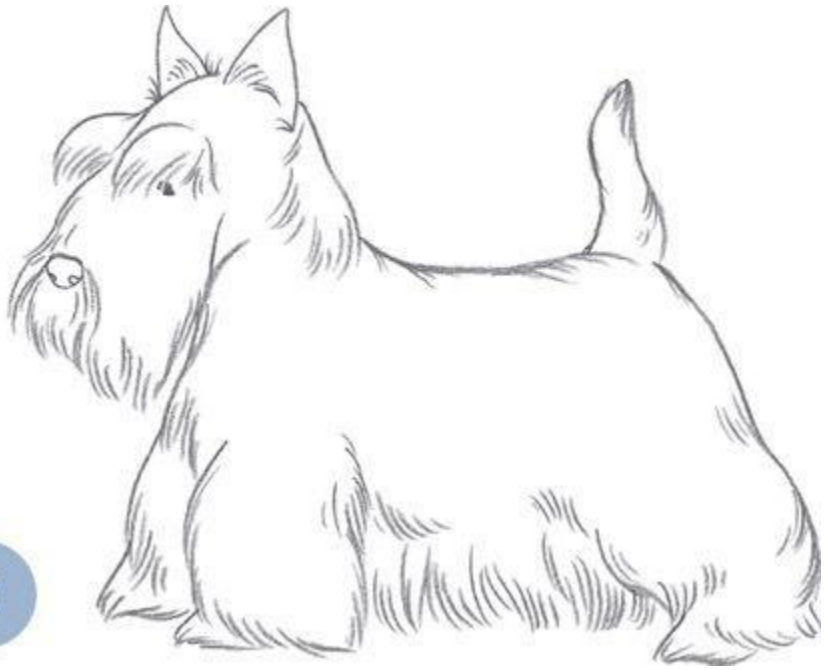
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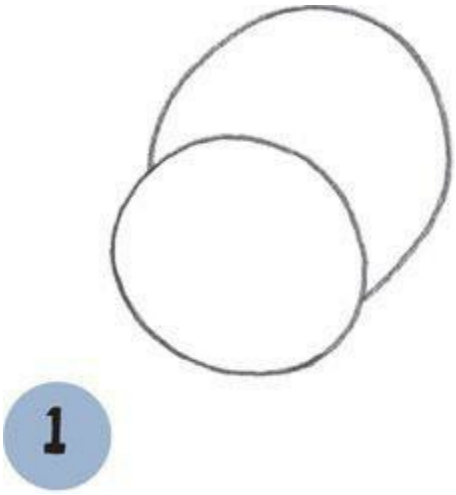
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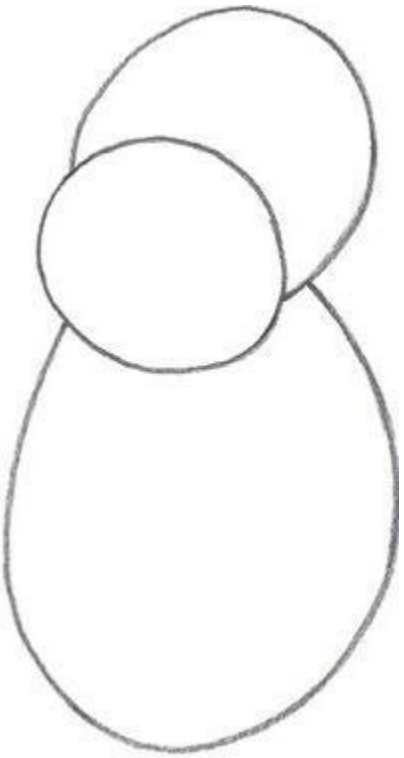
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Not only are Scottish Terriers a favorite mascot of colleges around the United States, a black Scottish Terrier named Smoky was the first-ever Olympic mascot. Smoky appeared at the Olympic Village in Los Angeles during the 1932 events.

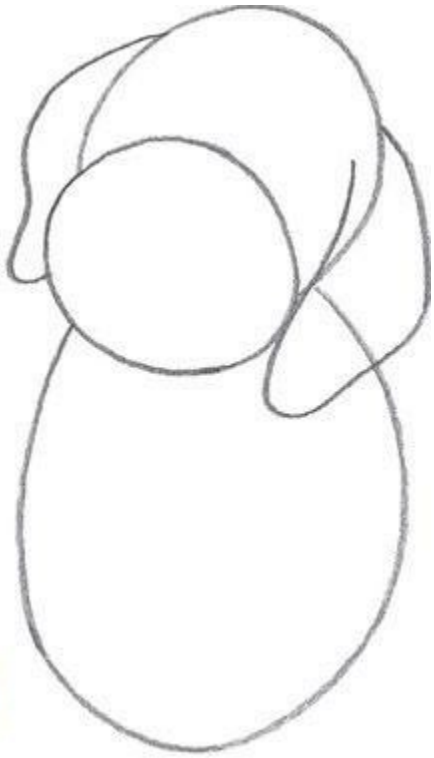
Old English Sheepdog Puppy

A shaggy Sheepdog might look like just a big, cuddly ball of fur, but underneath all that hair is a strong body.





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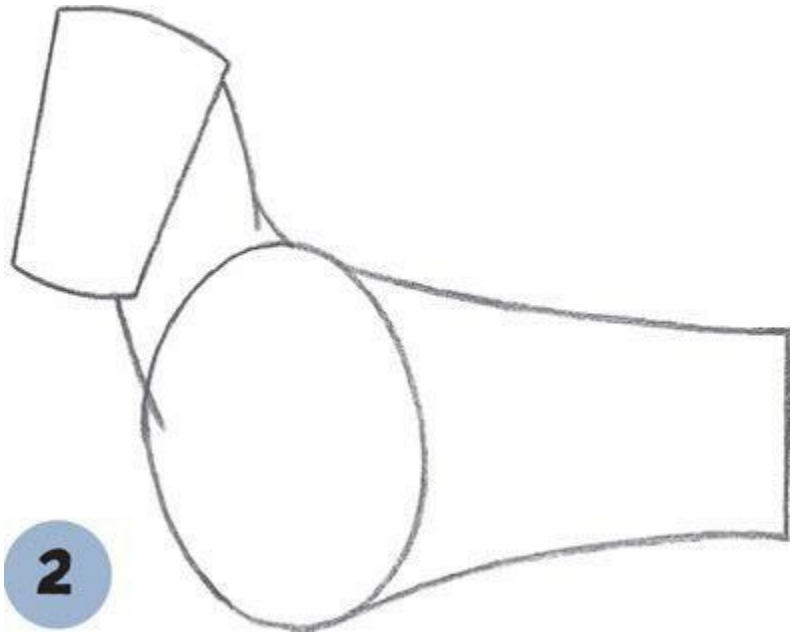
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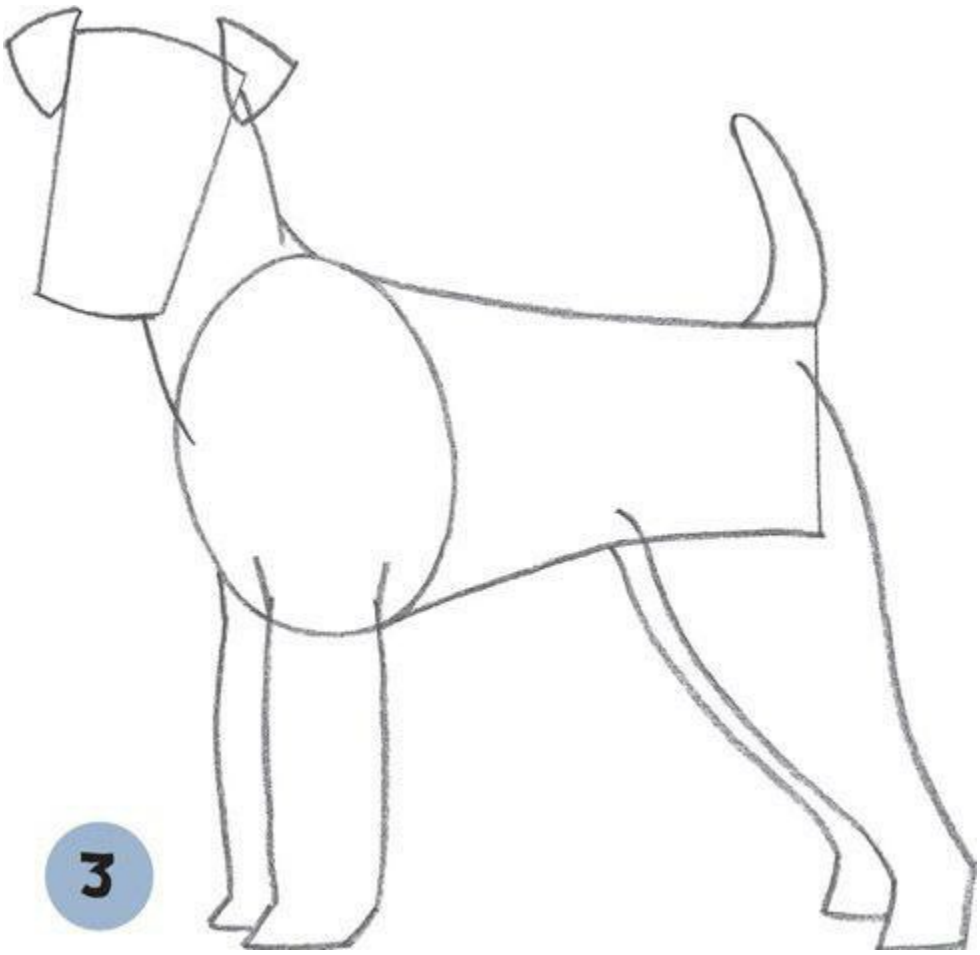
In old England, it was a Sheepdog's job to guide sheep and cattle to market. The dogs' tails were docked, or "bobbed," to prove they were employed. (This way, the owner didn't have to pay a tax.) Sheepdogs are still nicknamed "Bobtails" today!

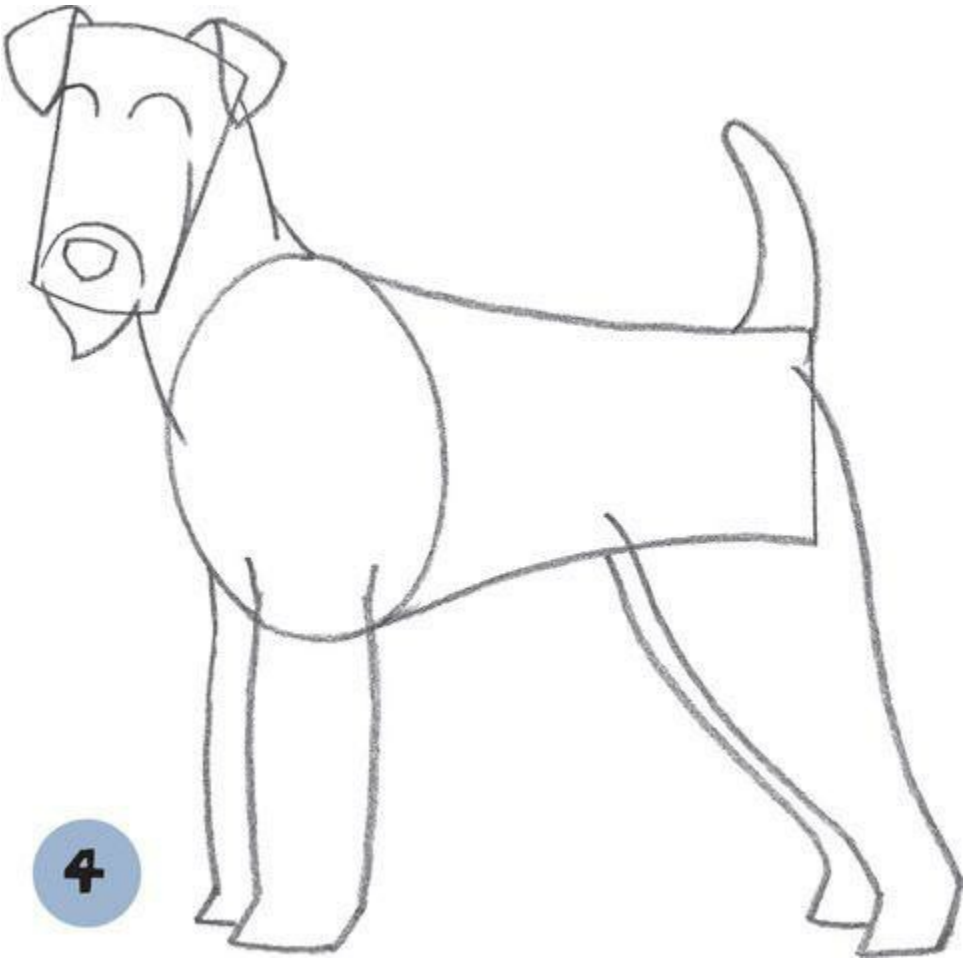
Airedale Terrier

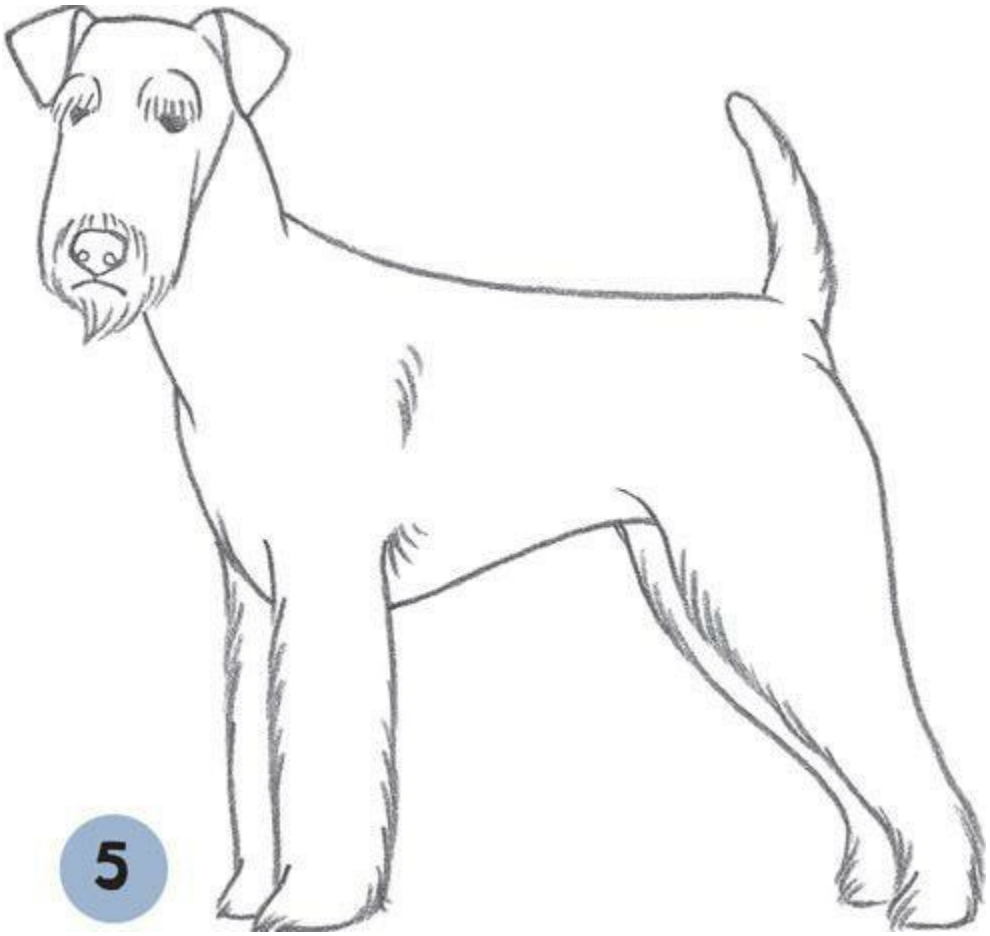
This bearded breed has a flat, deep chest, so start by drawing an oval for the body. Then add a rectangle for the head.

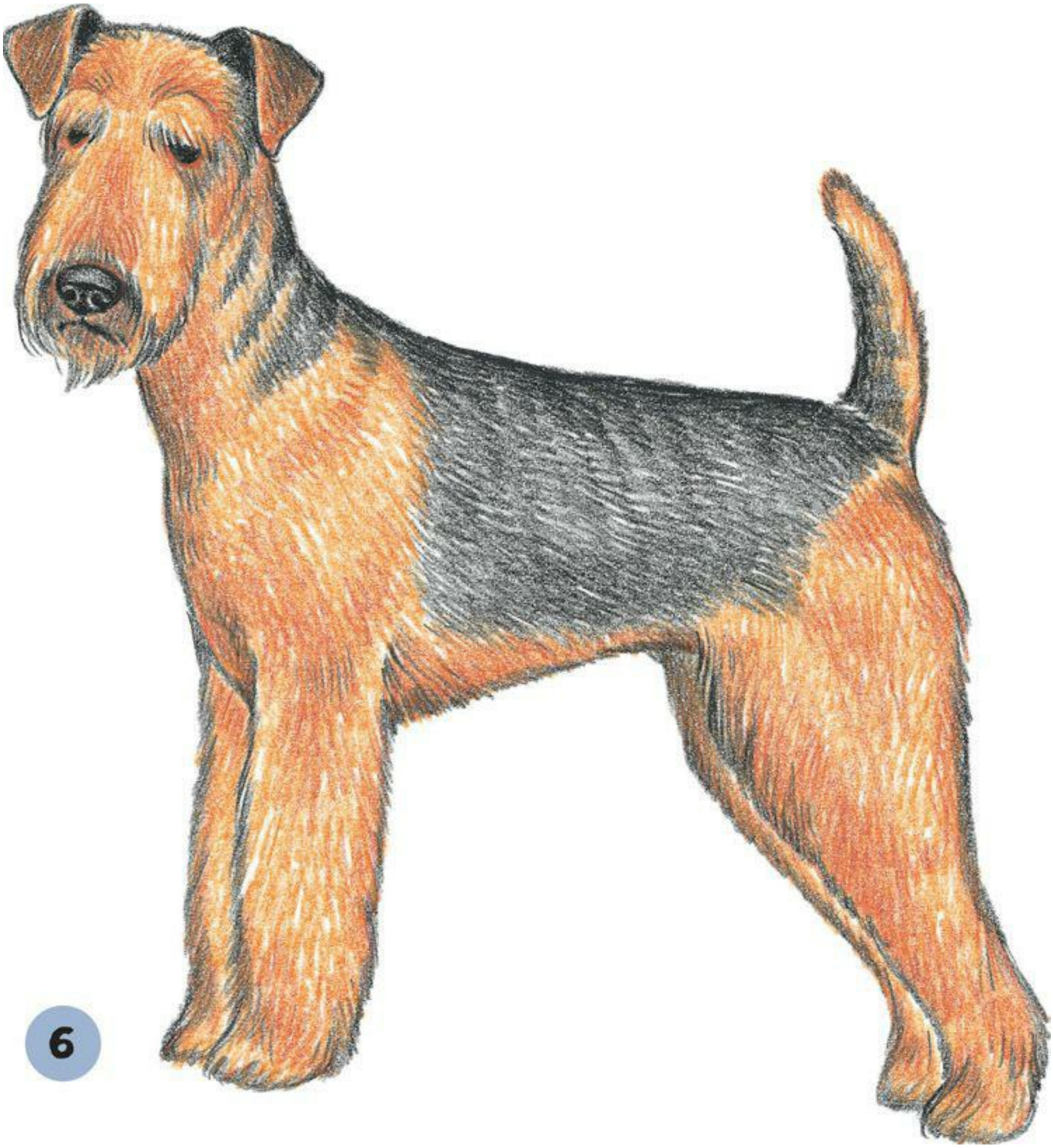



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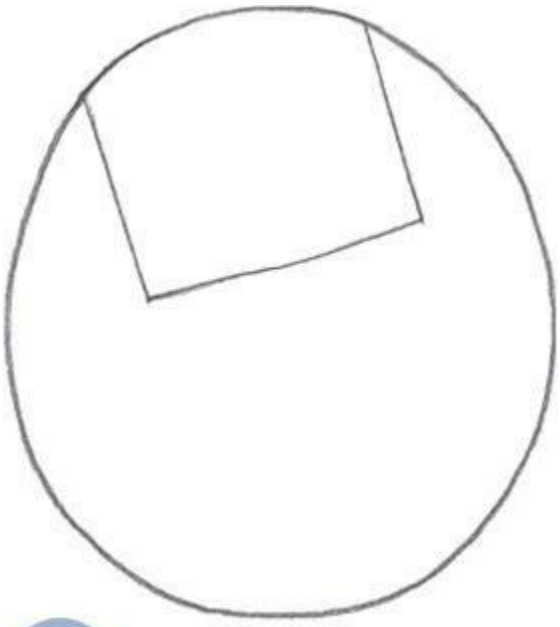


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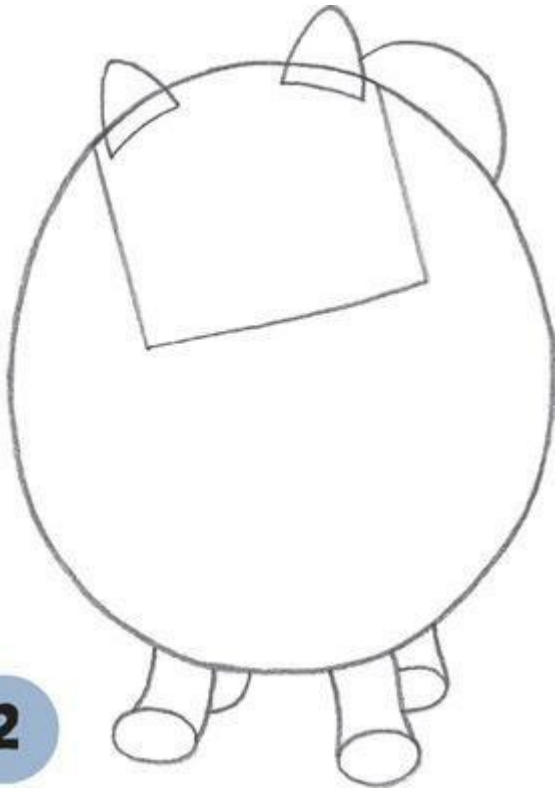
The largest of all the terrier breeds, the Airedale is sometimes called “King of the Terriers.” These noble dogs served in World War I, carrying messages and detecting approaching enemies. Their heroism made them most popular dog in the United States during the 1920s.

Pomeranian

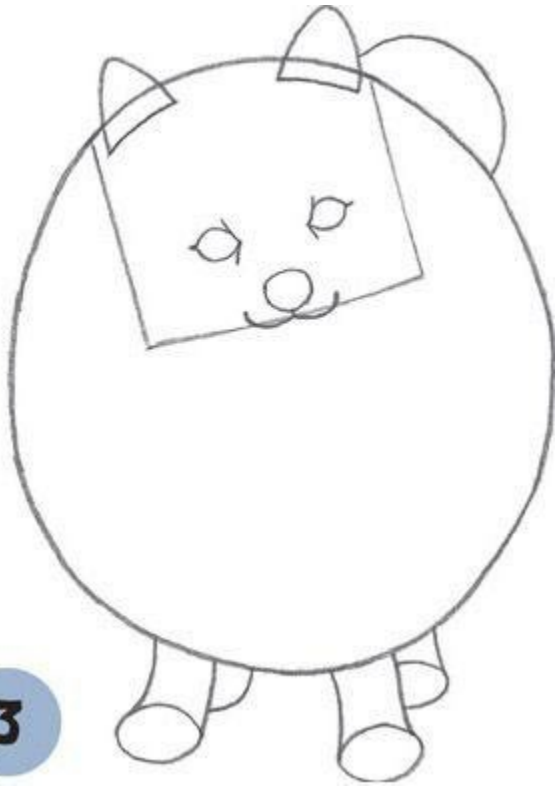
The Pom’s body is very round, making this small pup look like a circular bundle of fur with tiny legs!



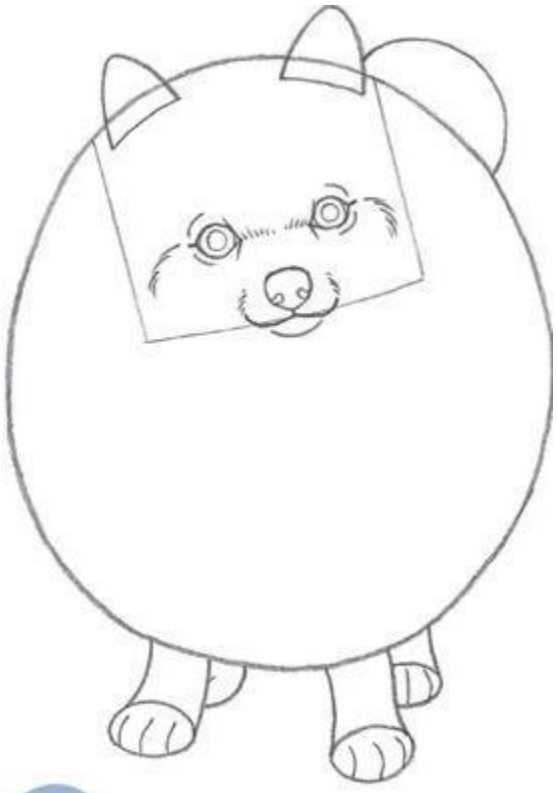
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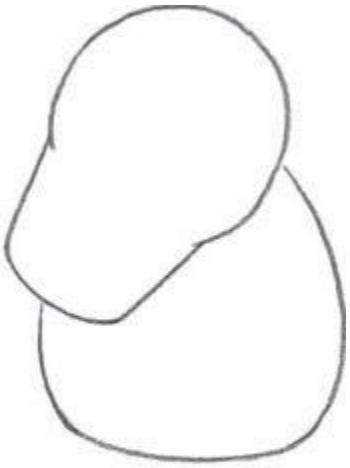
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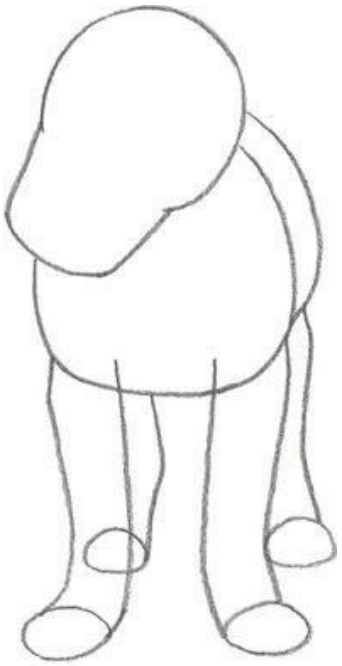
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Parson Russell Terrier Puppy

These lovable pups are white with patches of black or tan. Their bright eyes are large and round, and their ears fold forward.



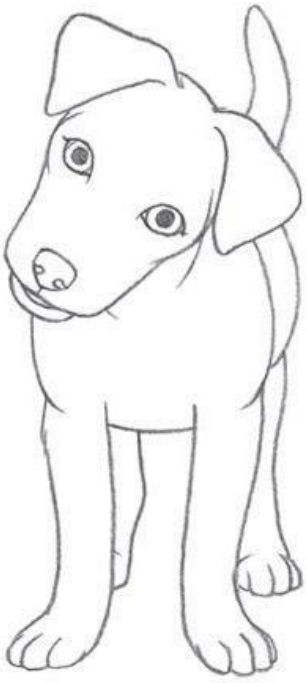
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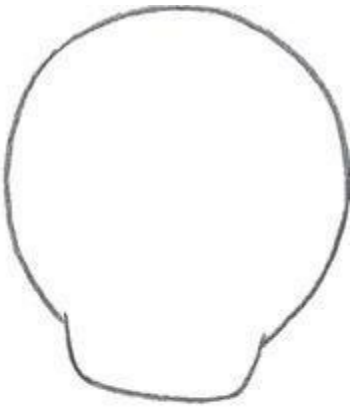
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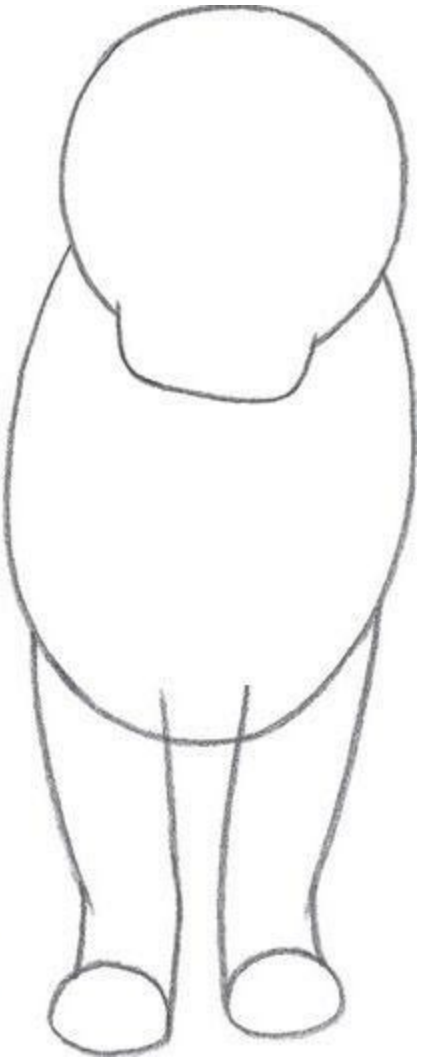
In 2003, the Jack Russell Terrier became the Parson Russell Terrier. This breed was named after the Reverend John (“Jack”) Russell. Nicknamed “the hunting parson,” the reverend developed the breed to run long distances with Foxhounds.

Golden Retriever Puppy

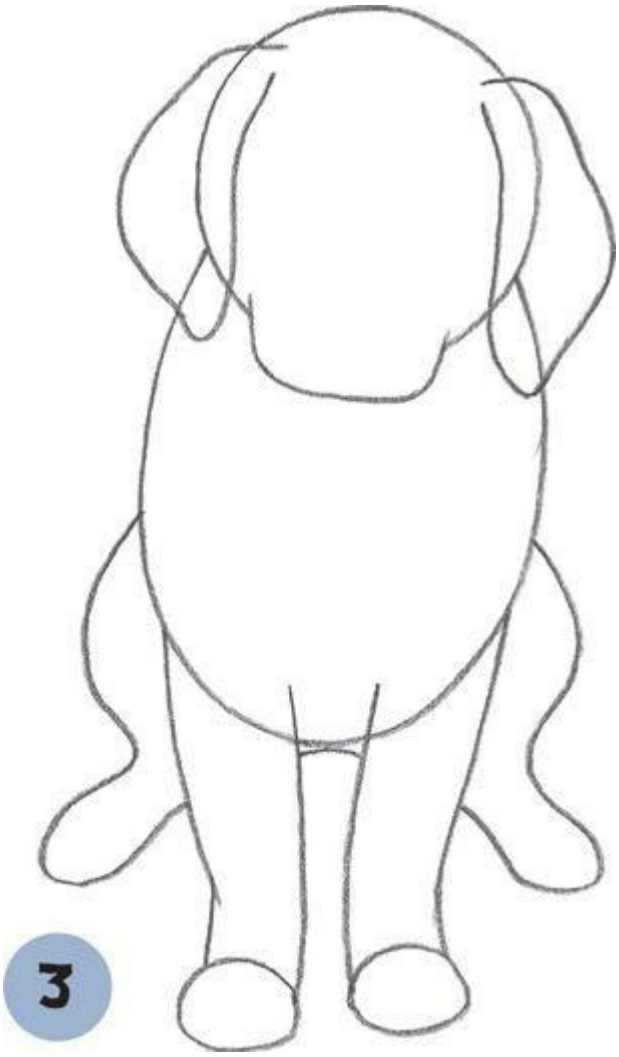
Best known for the color of their coats, Goldens also have strong legs, round paws, and large, wide-set eyes.



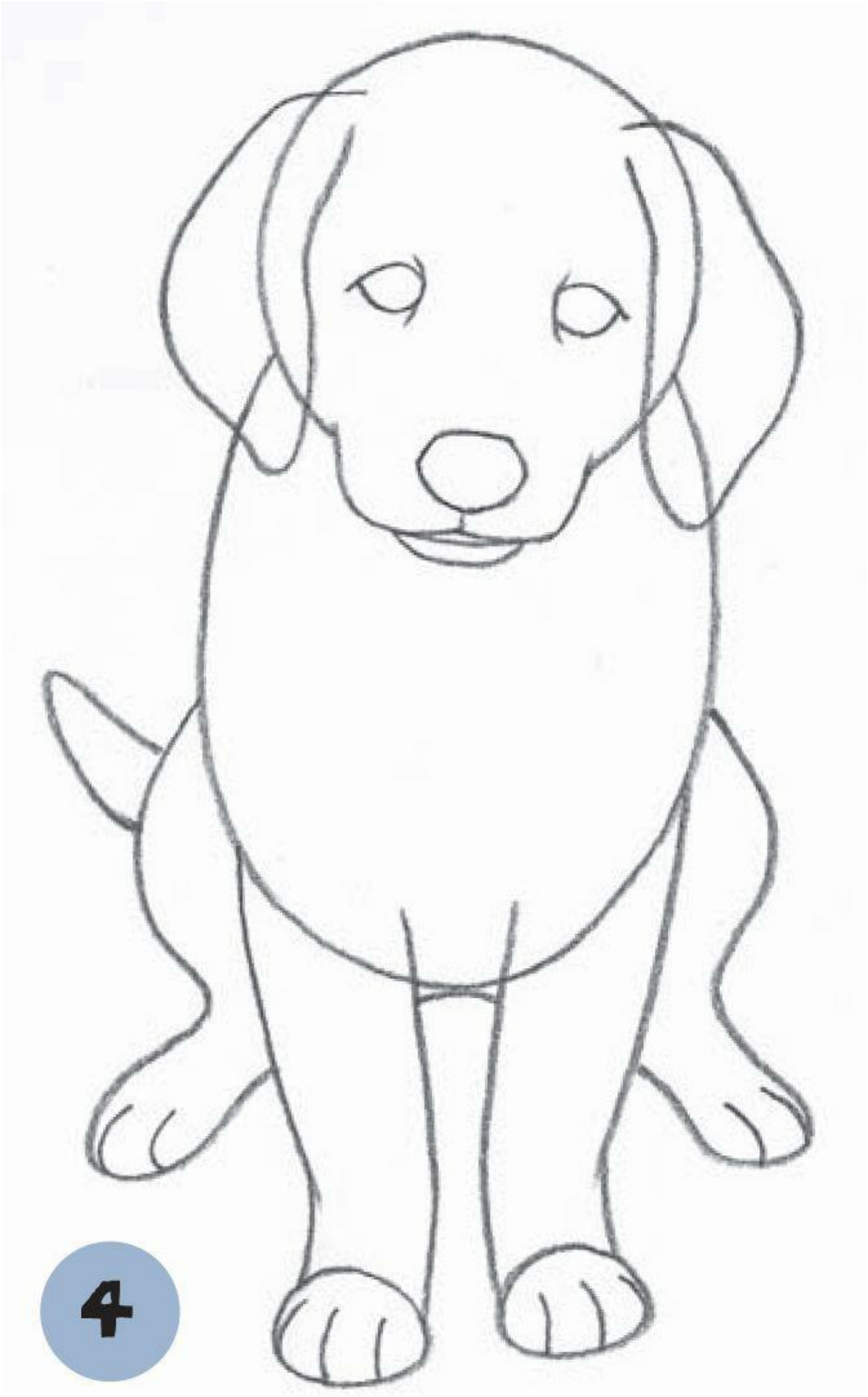
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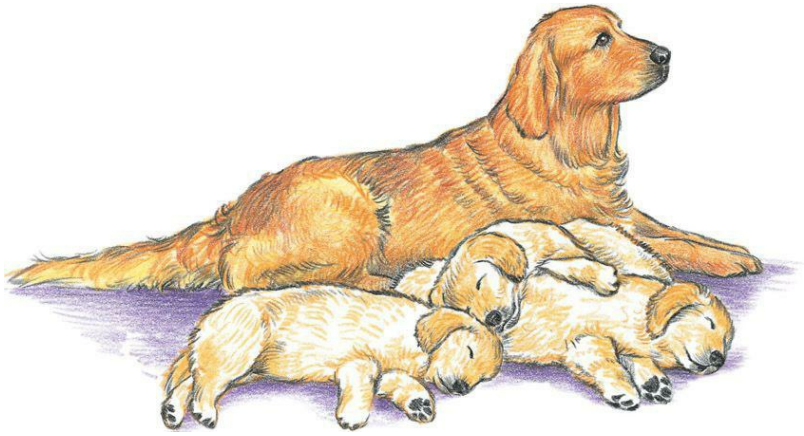


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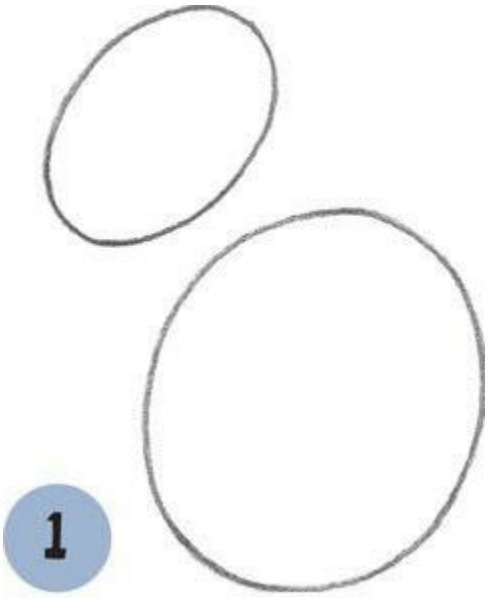
The rich, golden coat of this retriever comes in various shades—from light to dark.

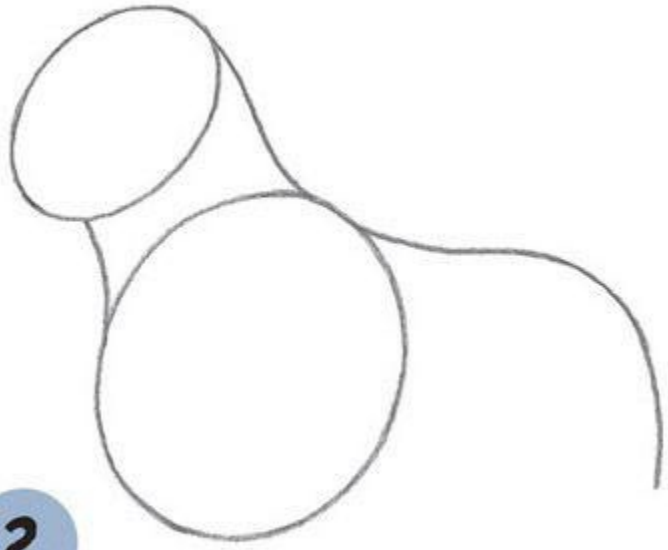
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Since the Golden Retriever was developed in England and Scotland in the 1800s, it has had many names. Until 1920, the breed was known as the Golden Flat-Coat. They've also been called "Yellow Retrievers" and "Russian Retrievers."

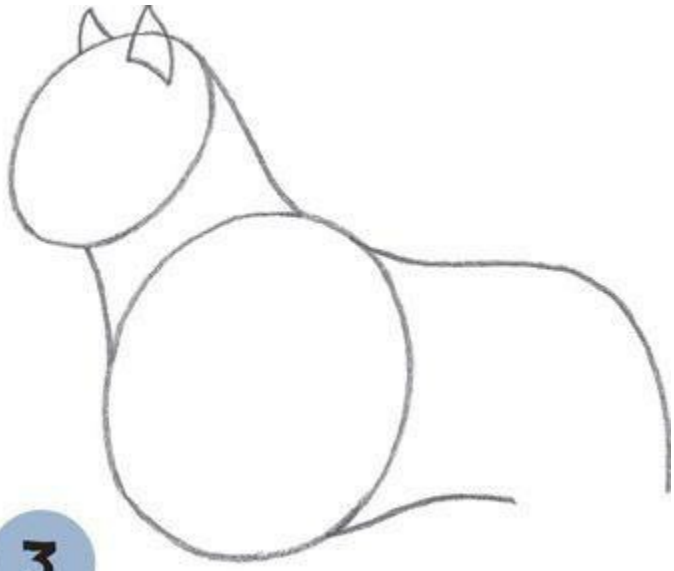
Bouvier des Flandres

This shaggy herding dog has a rough coat, a thick beard, and a “fall” of hair that covers its eyes.

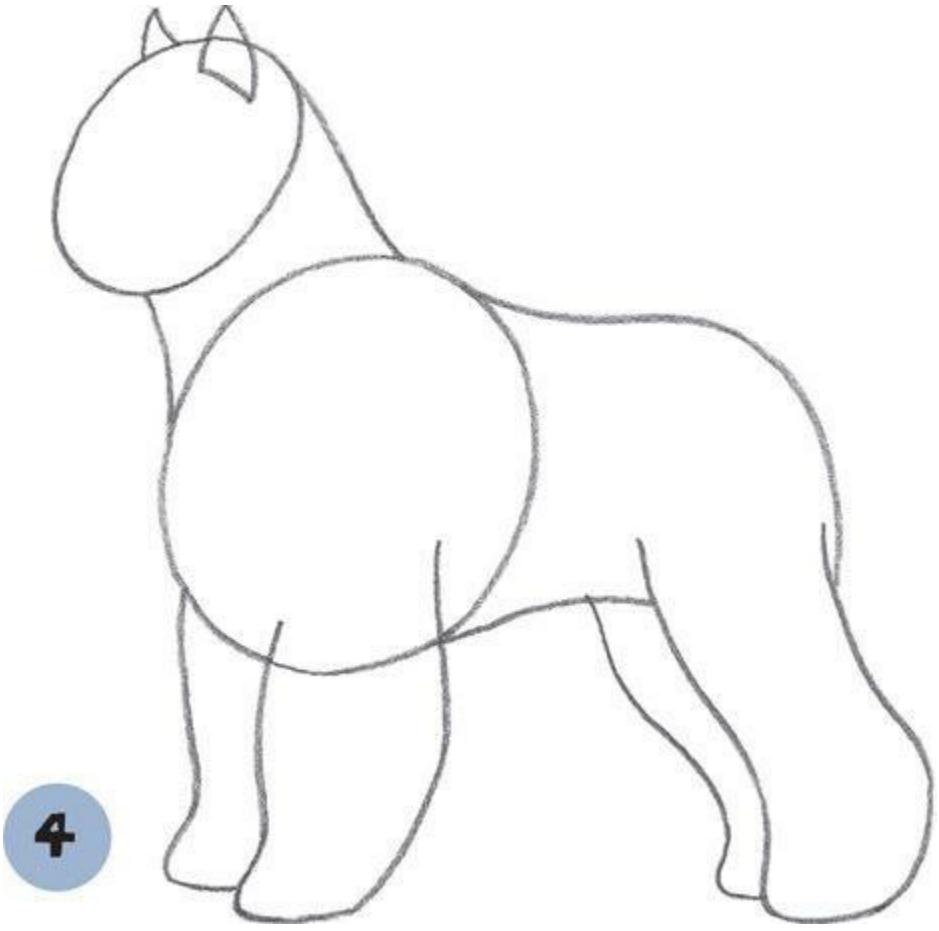


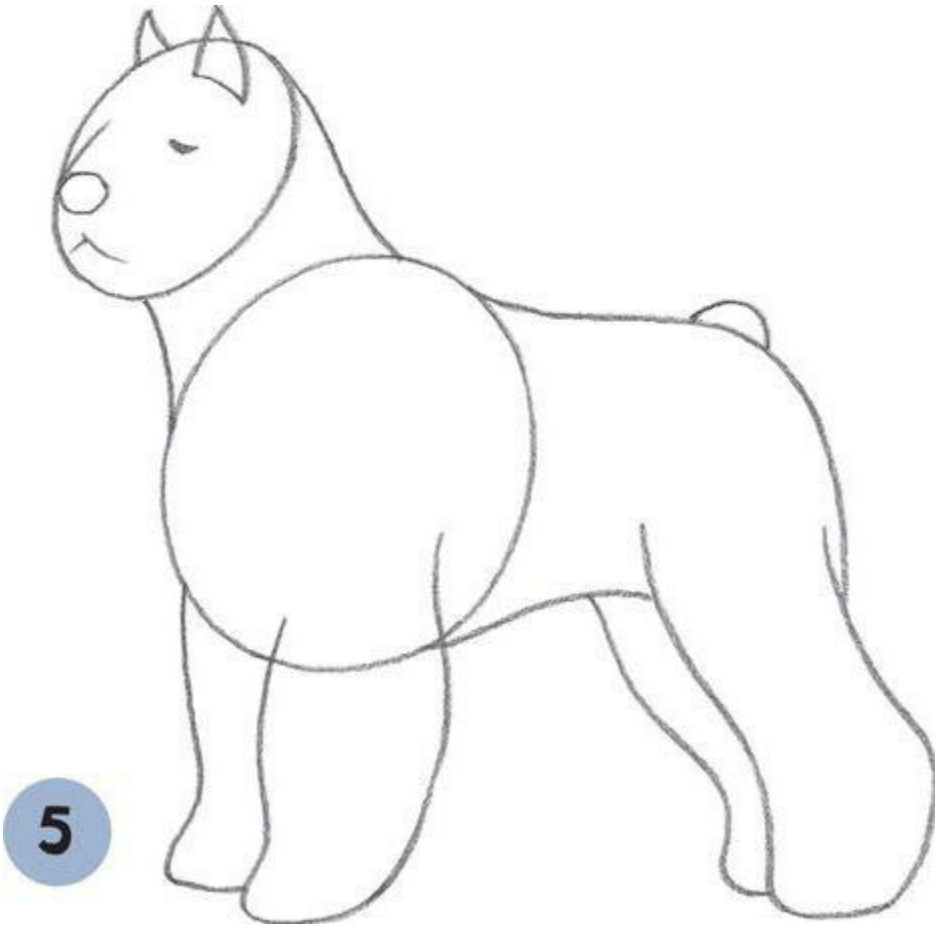


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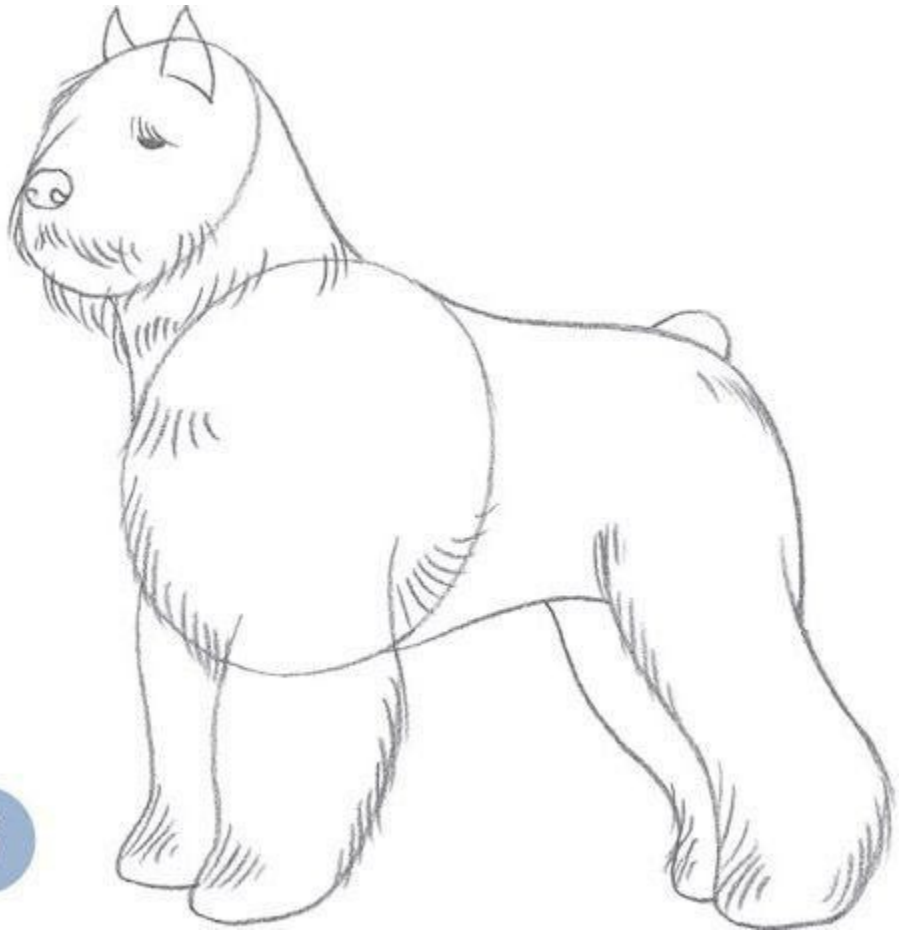


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Often black or gray, Bouviers can also be fawn, brindled, or salt-and-pepper colored.

fun fact

The Bouvier's name reflects its birthplace. "Des Flandres" means "from Flanders," referring to the Northern region of Belgium where these loyal farm dogs originated.

Dogs in Action

From performing in championship shows to working with human companions, these canines do it all! Why not try drawing these active dogs?



Agility contests are like dog Olympics—here a Pomeranian shows its ability to follow commands and handle an A-frame obstacle.



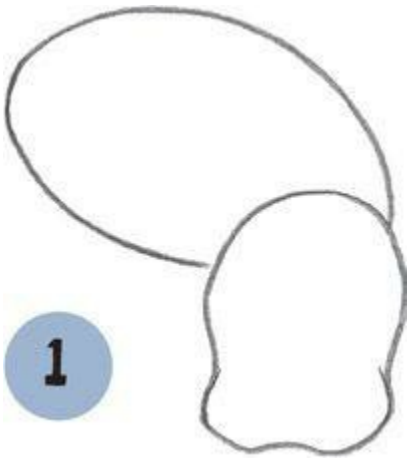
German Shepherd Dogs often get special training to become seeing-eye dogs who safely lead the blind.

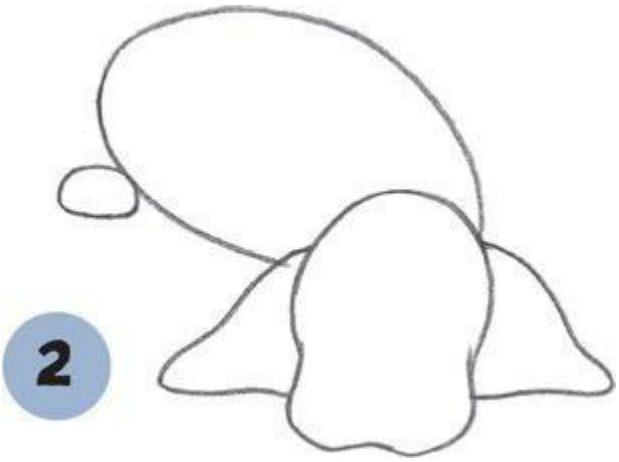
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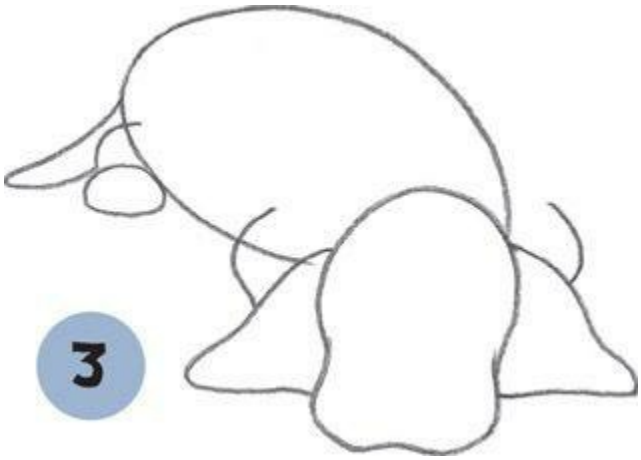
German Shepherds are often used as guard dogs, police dogs, and military dogs. Intelligent and hard working, these canines also help detect drugs and bombs, perform search-and-rescue missions, and track missing persons.

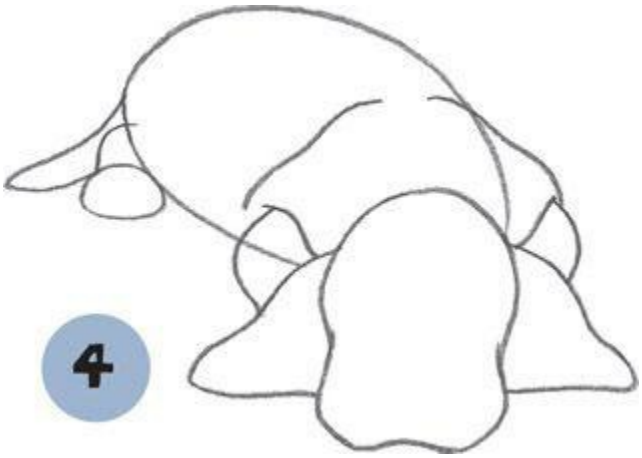
Basset Hound Puppy

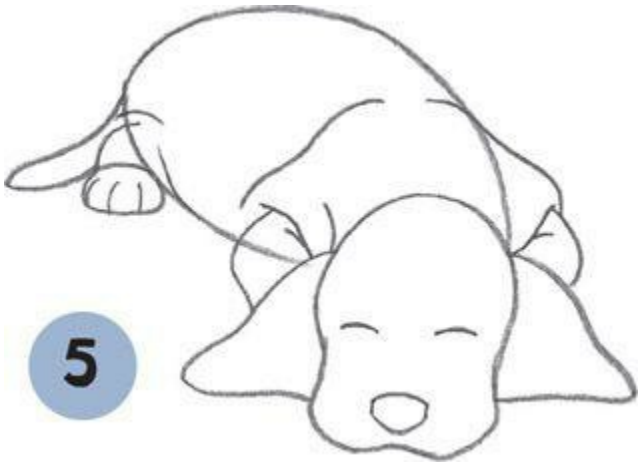
The Basset is well loved for its wrinkles, sagging jowls, and long ears.



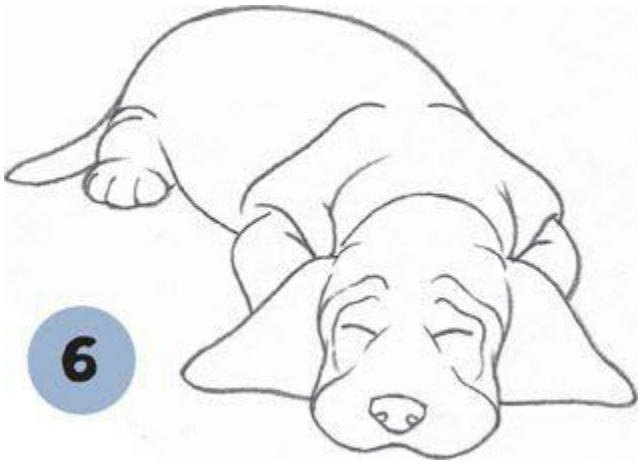

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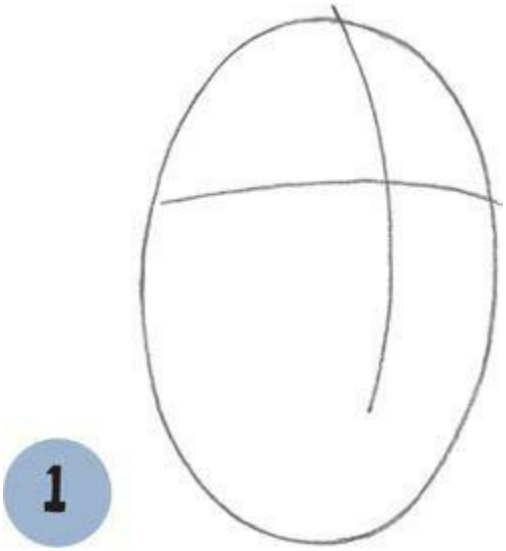

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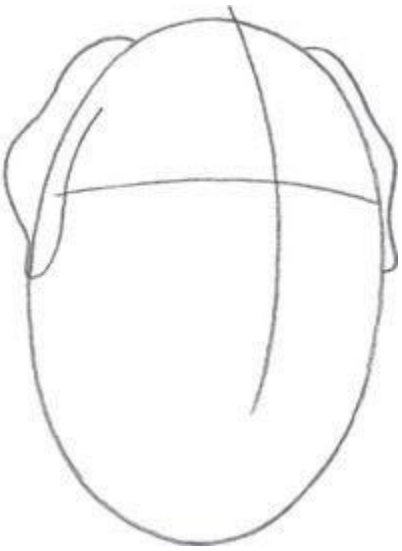
fun fact

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the dog with the longest ears is a Basset Hound! “Mr. Jeffries,” who lives in the United Kingdom with his owner, Phil Jeffries, has 11.5-inch ears!

Great Pyrenees

The Great Pyrenees has a lamb's character but a lion's look! This giant dog's face is framed by small, flat ears and a mane of hair.





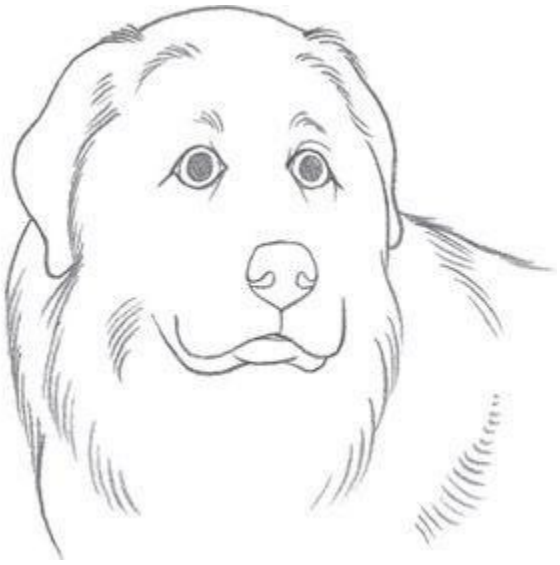
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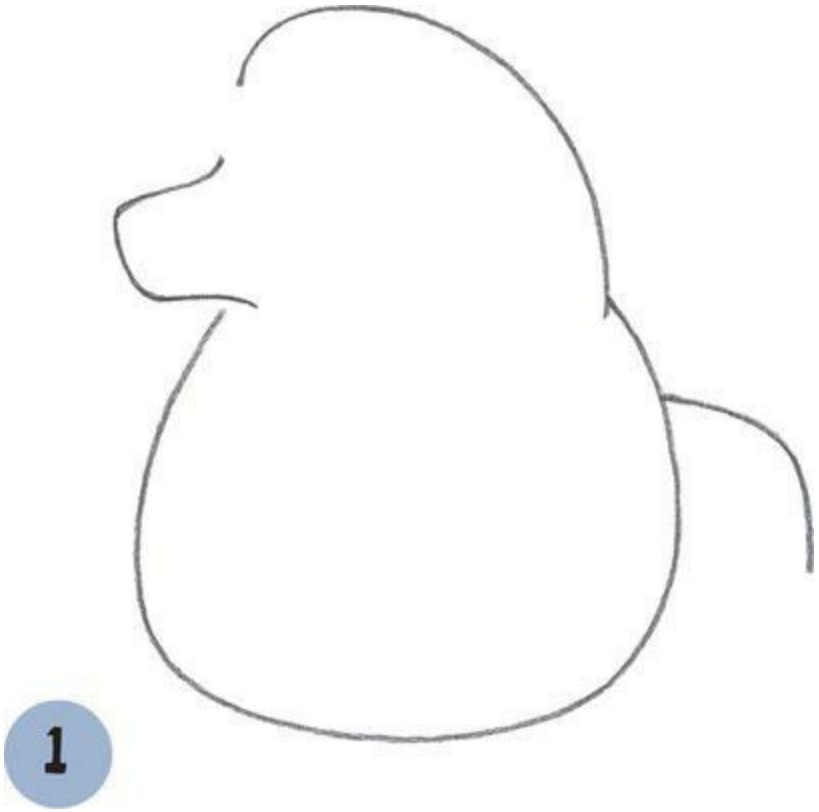
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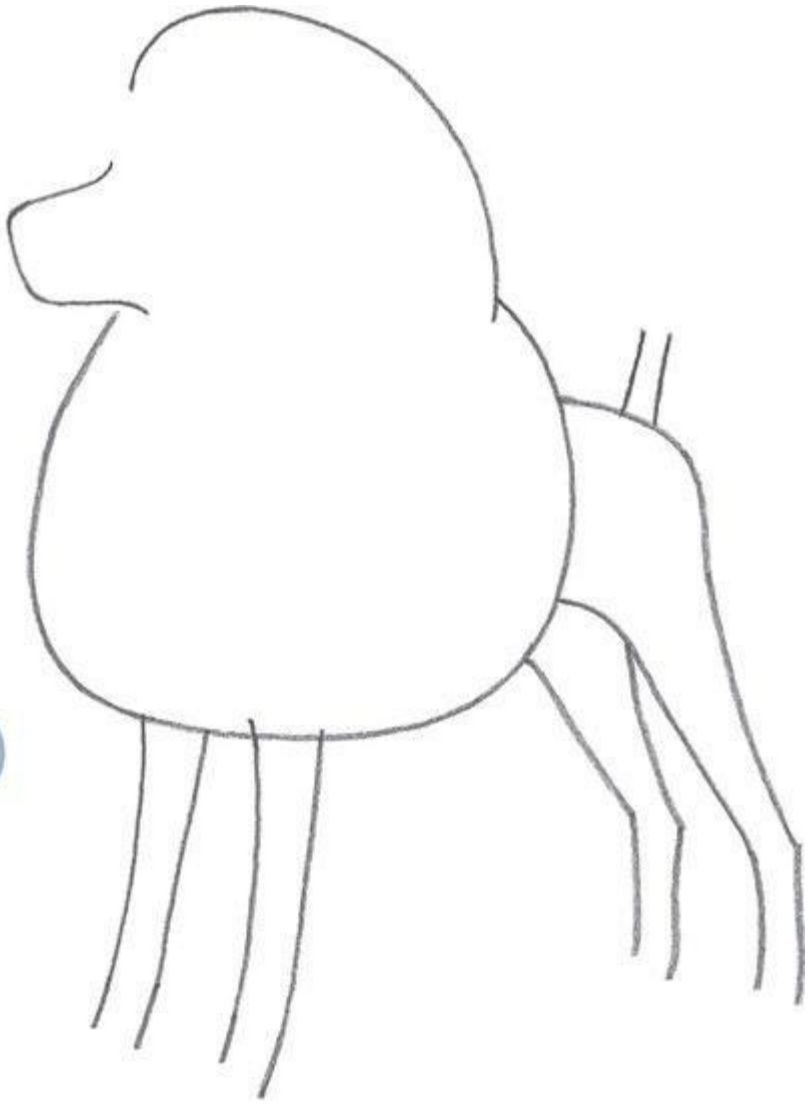


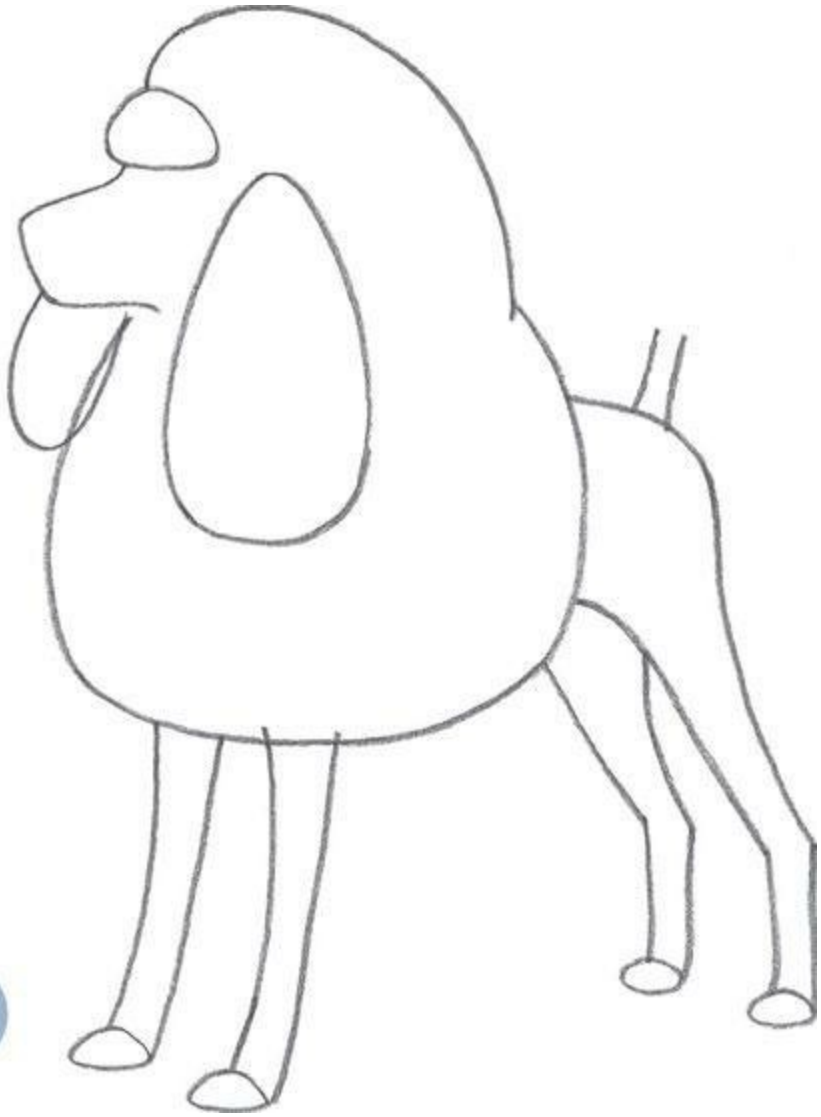
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Standard Poodle

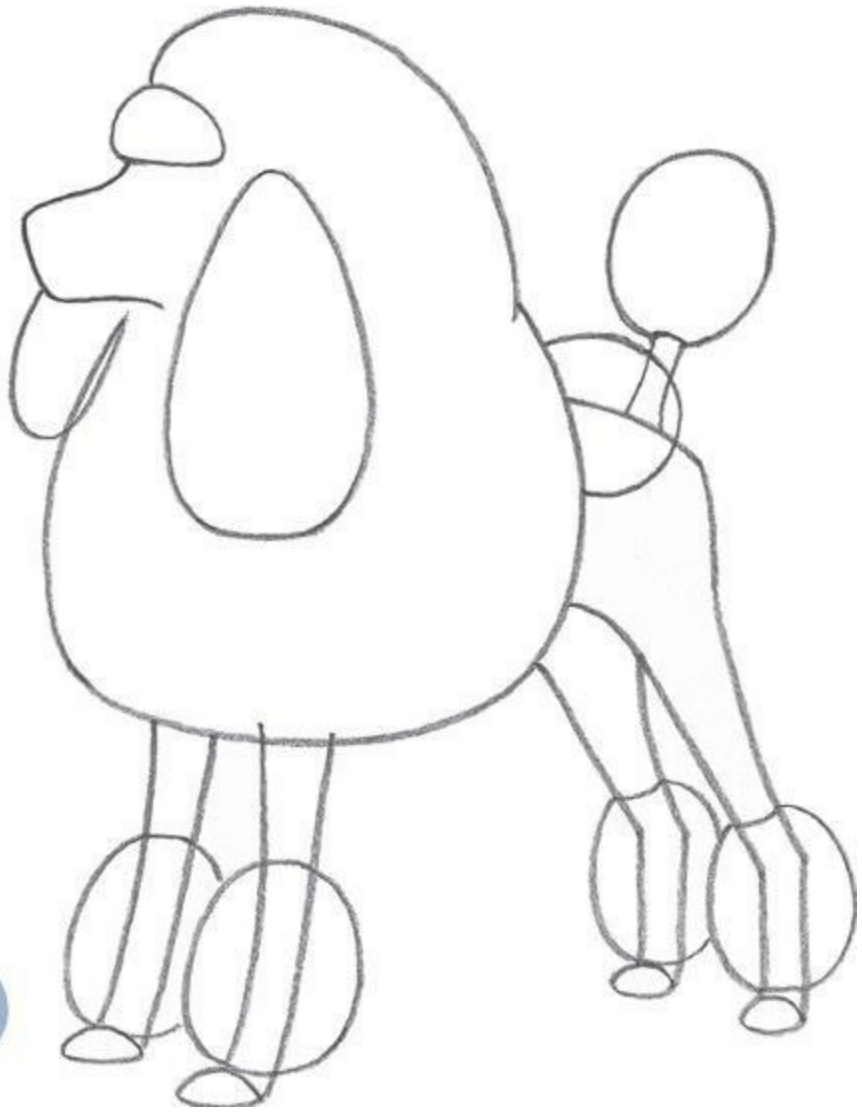
The traditional Poodle cut—which includes pompoms—shows off the Standard Poodle's pointed muzzle and muscular hind legs.



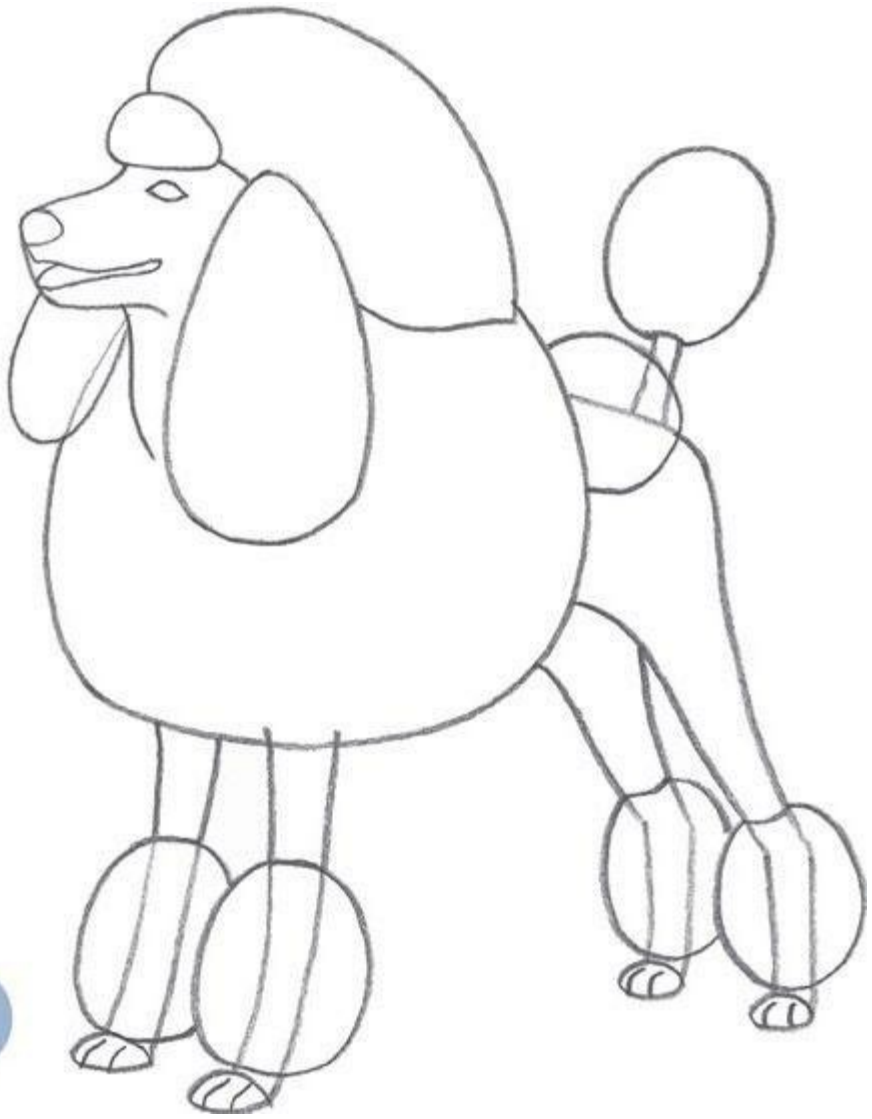

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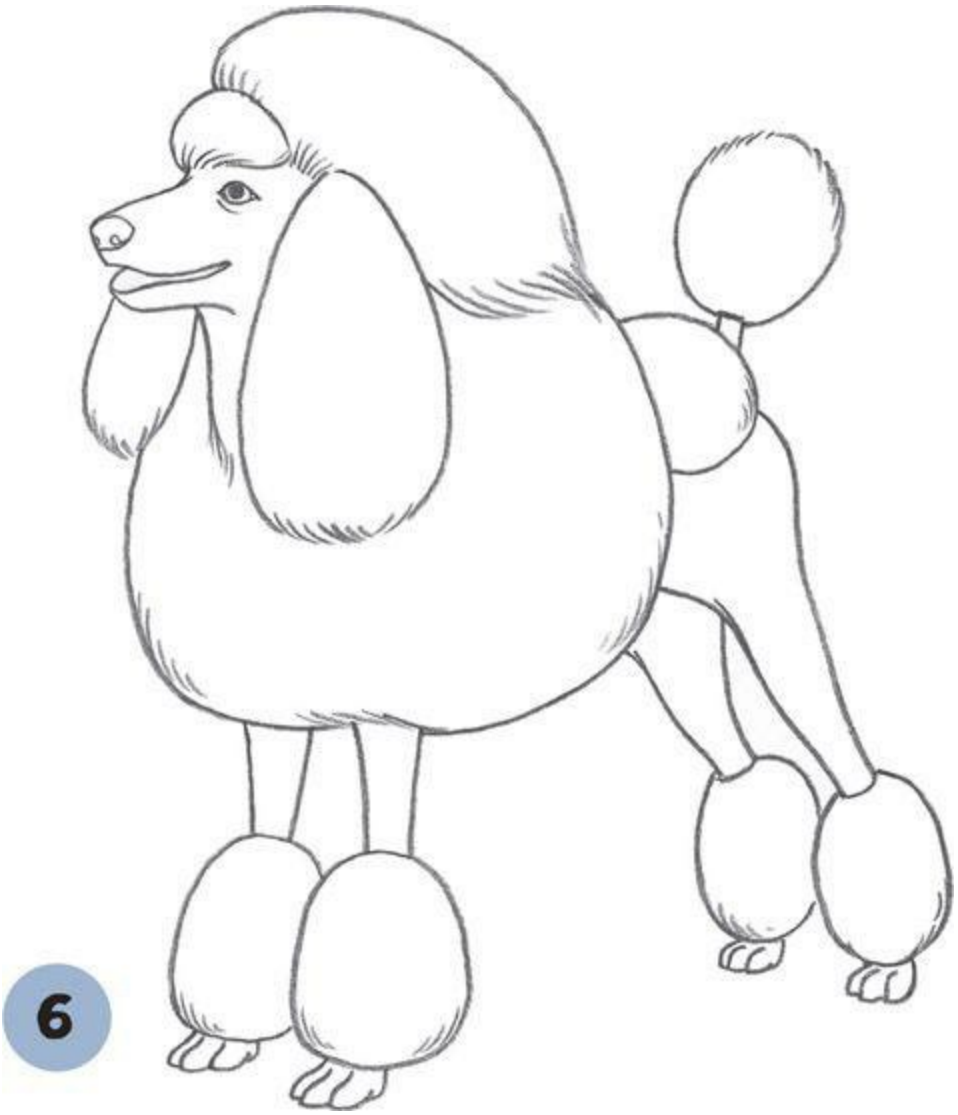
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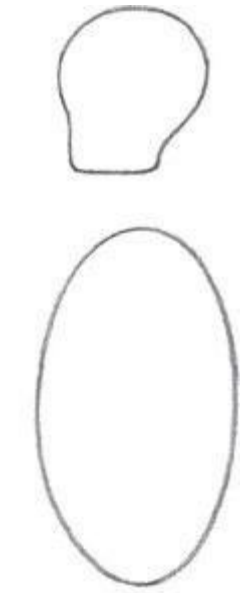


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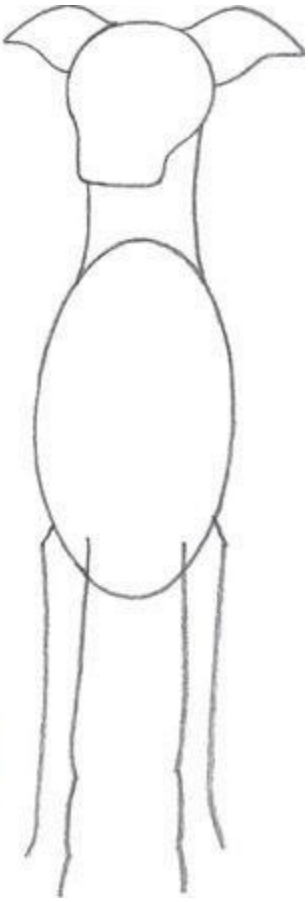
Many people call the Standard Poodle a “French Poodle” because of its history as a show dog and circus dog in France. But this breed actually originated in Germany. Bred as a duck retriever, the Poodle’s name comes from the German word “pudelin,” which means “to splash in water.” The Standard Poodle’s traditional haircut makes it easier for the dog to swim; the pompoms of fur keep the dog’s joints warm.

Italian Greyhound

Although this miniature version of the Greyhound has a thin and fragile look, the breed is actually very strong and sturdy.

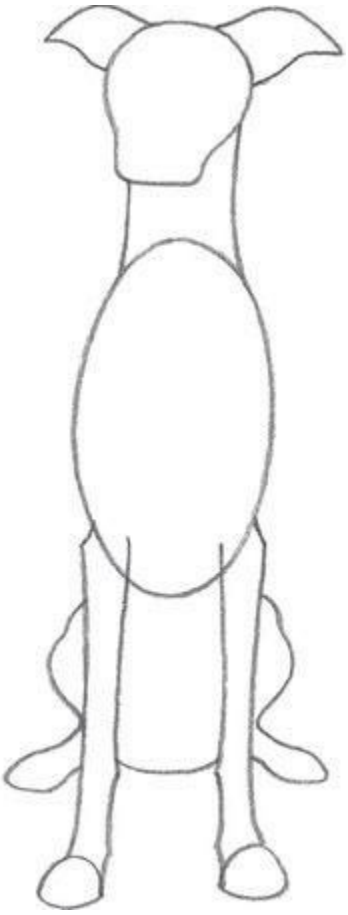


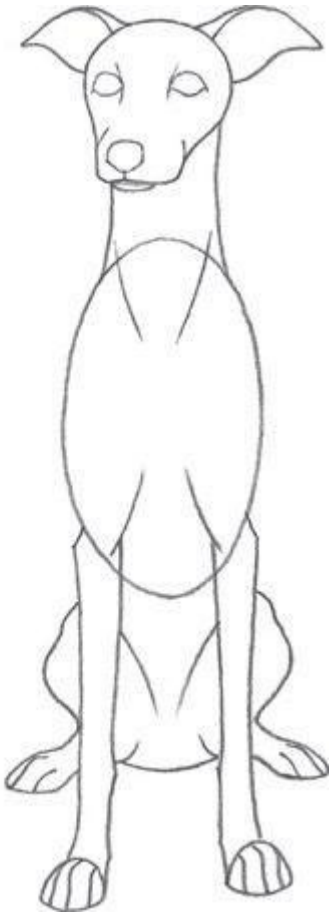
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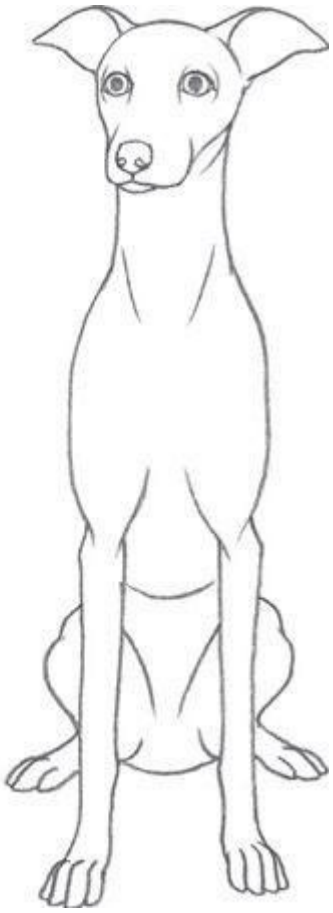
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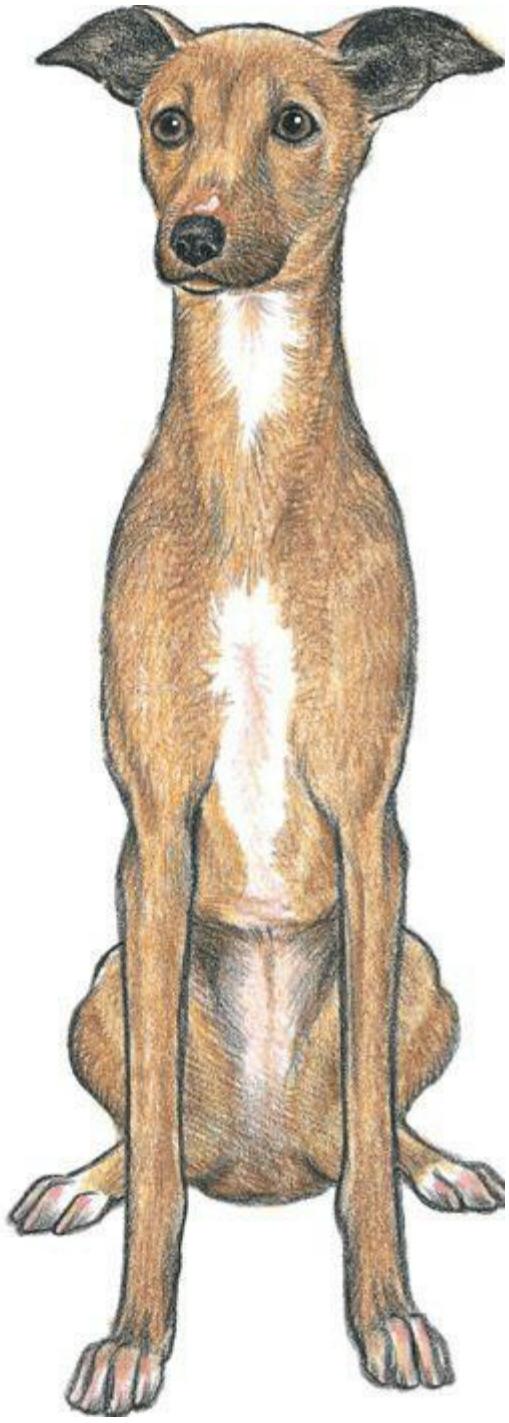




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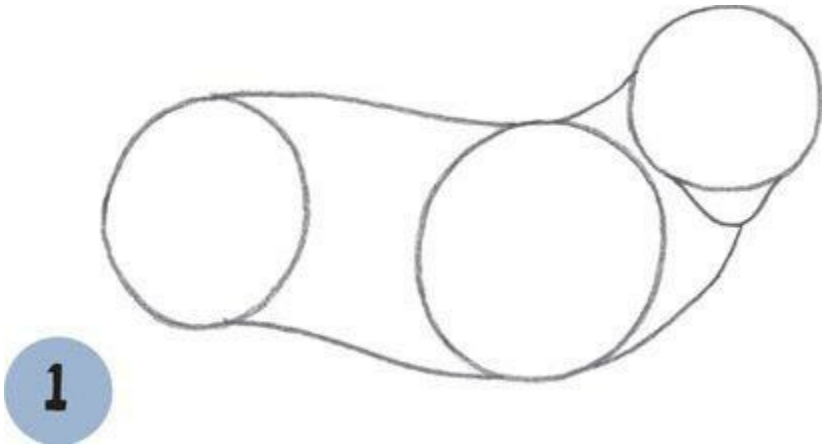
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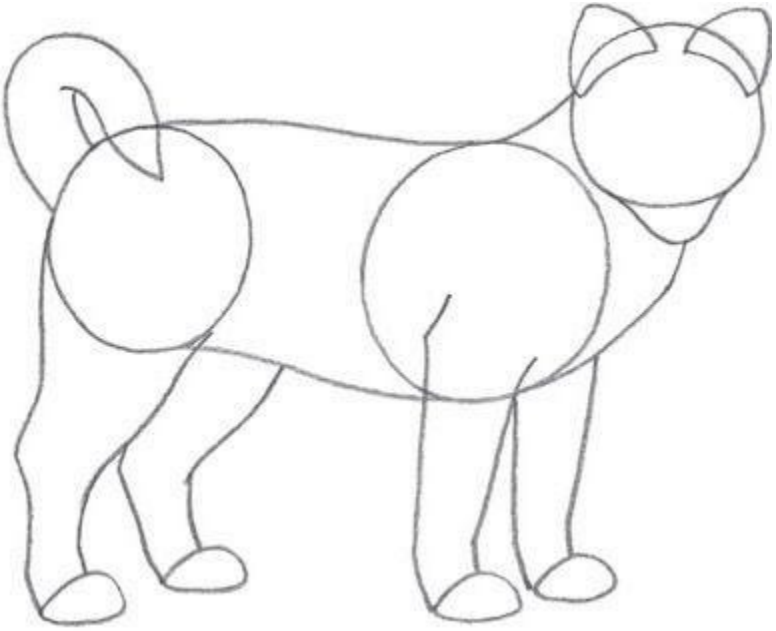
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Italian Greyhounds were a favorite pet of ancient Egyptians. Mummies of these lovable dogs have been found in the tombs of Egypt.

Akita Puppy

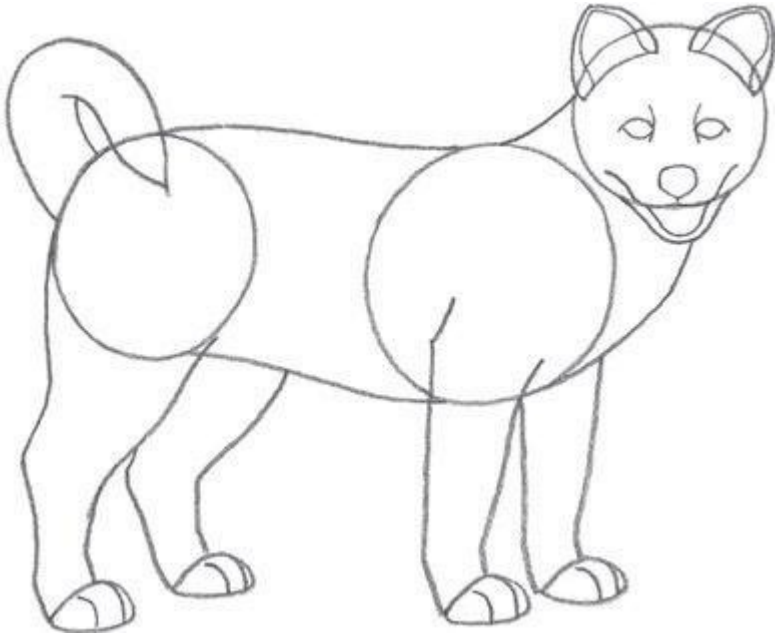
A native of Japan, the Akita has a thick body; a tail that curls forward; ears that stand up straight; and large, wide paws.

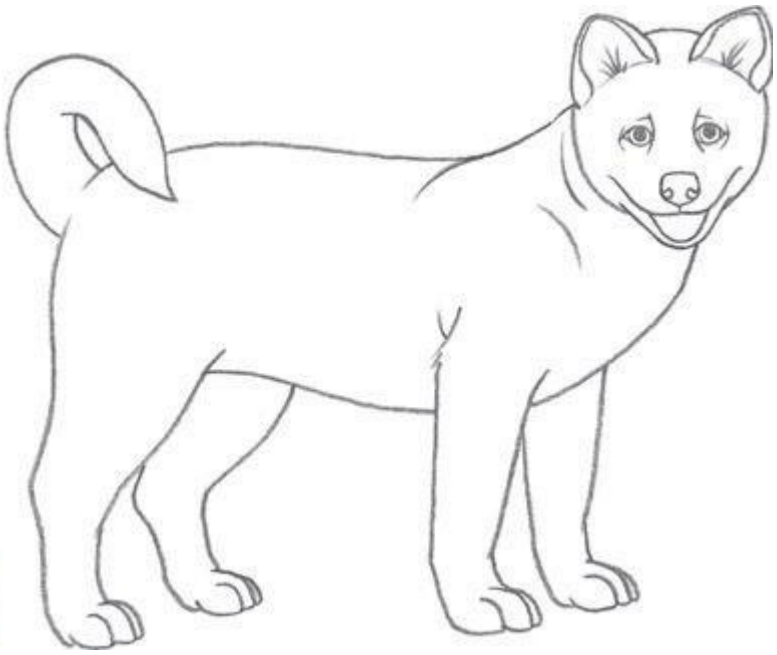




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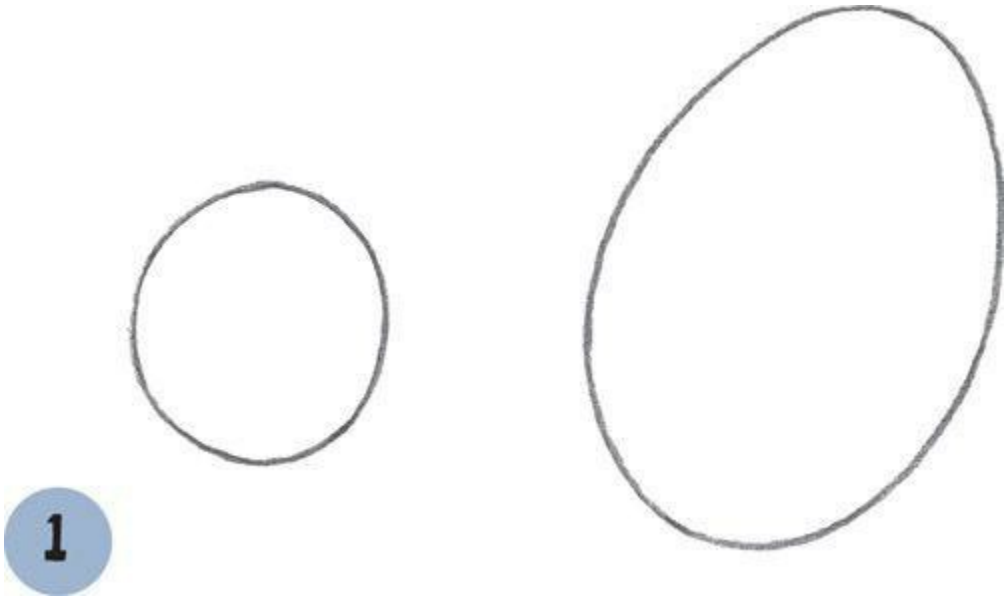
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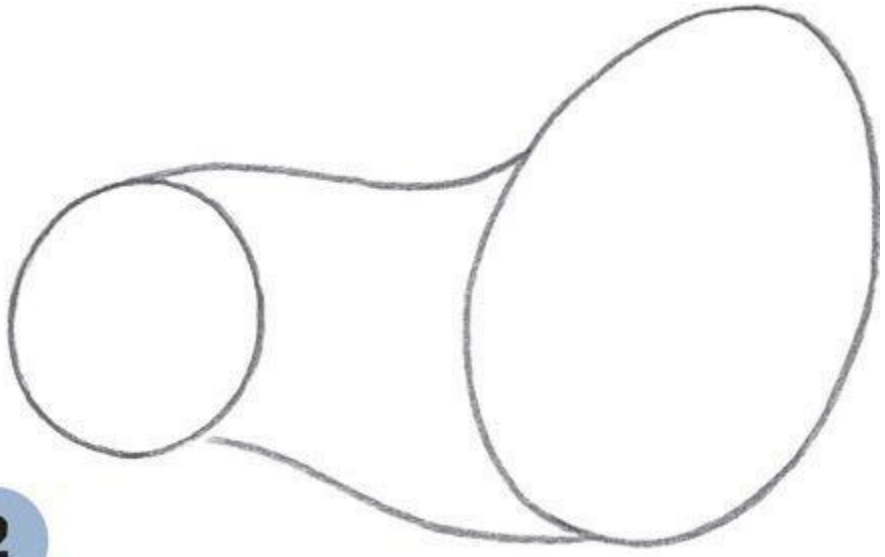


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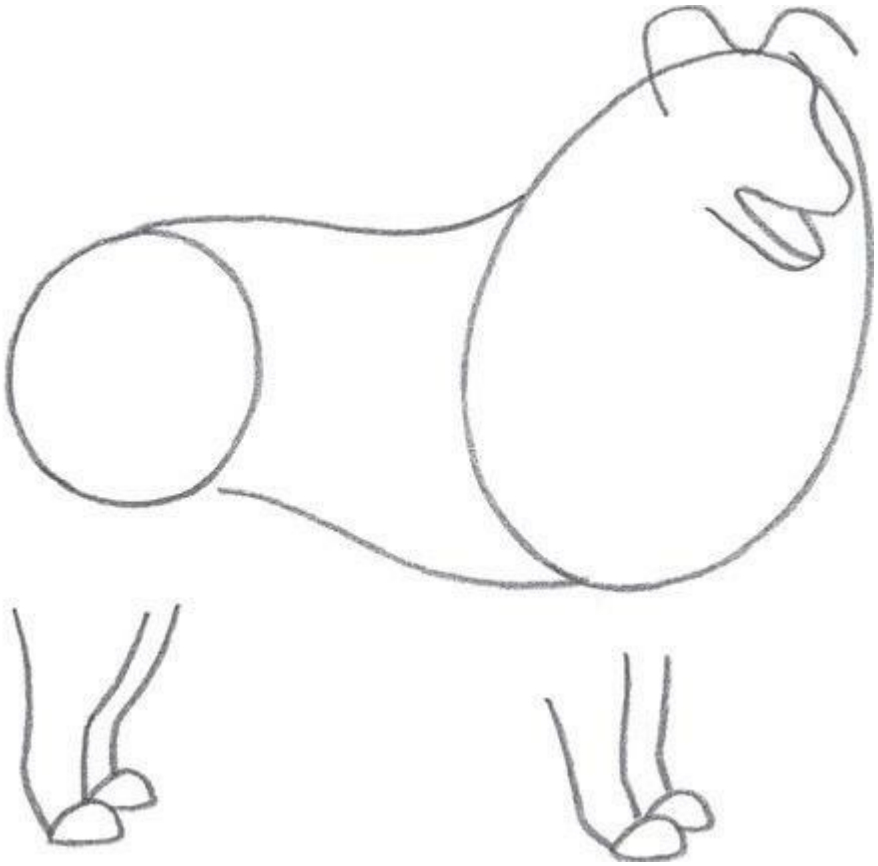
Rough Collie

The Rough Collie's mane is eye-catching because it is so full and bushy—much like the breed's long, fluffy tail. But the feature the Collie is best known for is its intelligent expression!

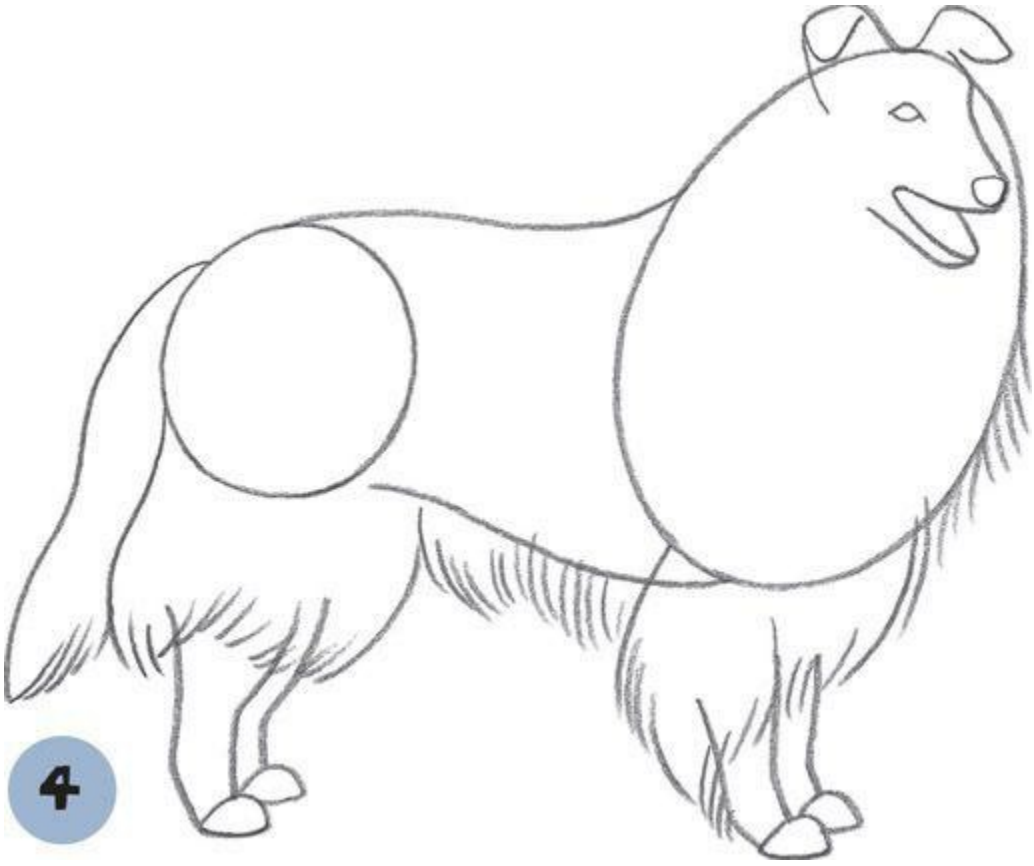




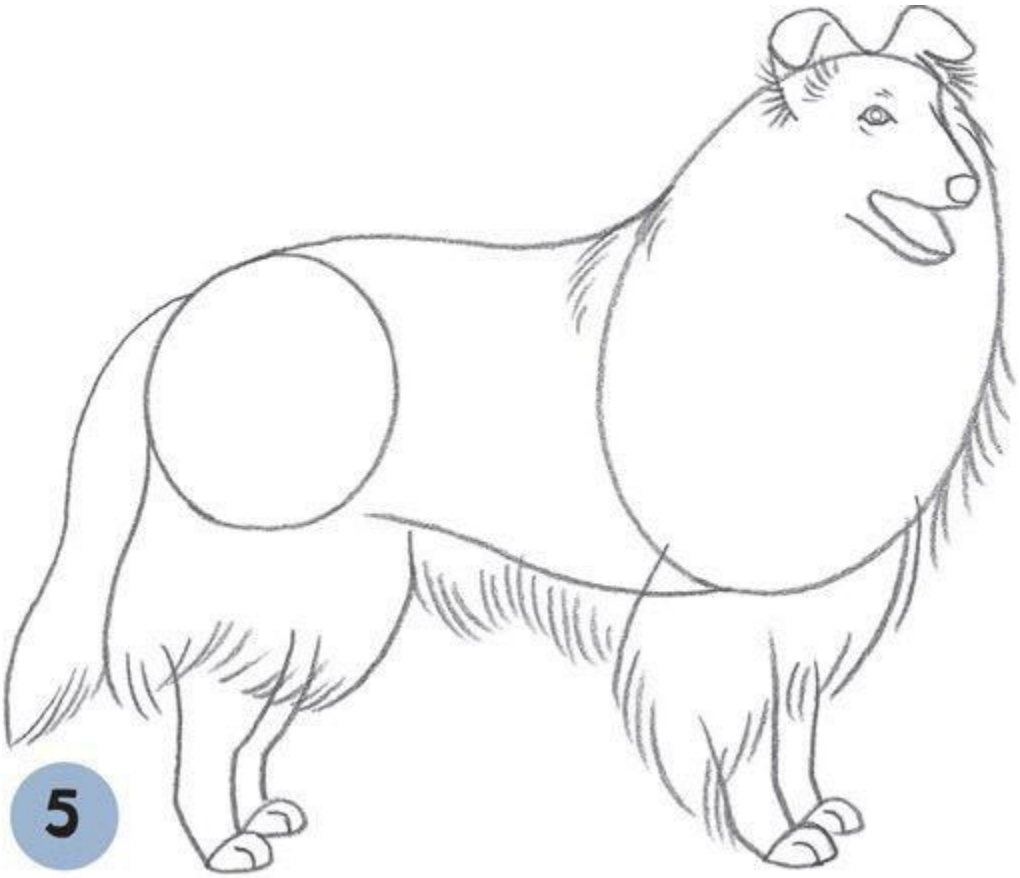
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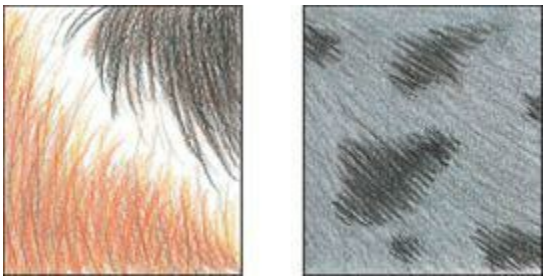
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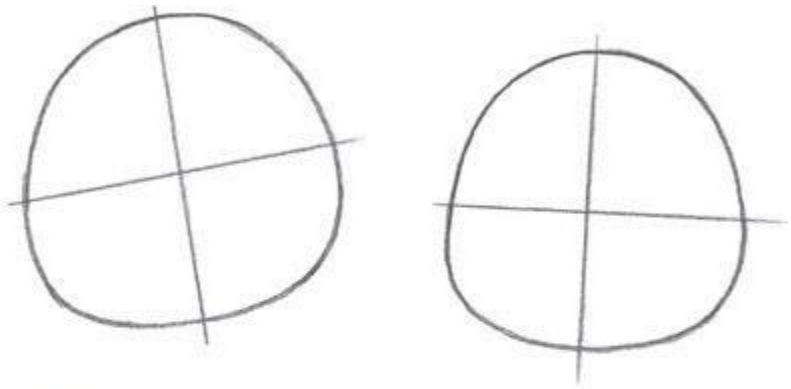
The Collie shown here is sable and white. They can also be white, tricolor, or blue merle.

fun fact

Originally a sheep-herding dog in Scotland, the rough collie developed a thick, fluffy coat to keep it warm during the cold and harsh weather.

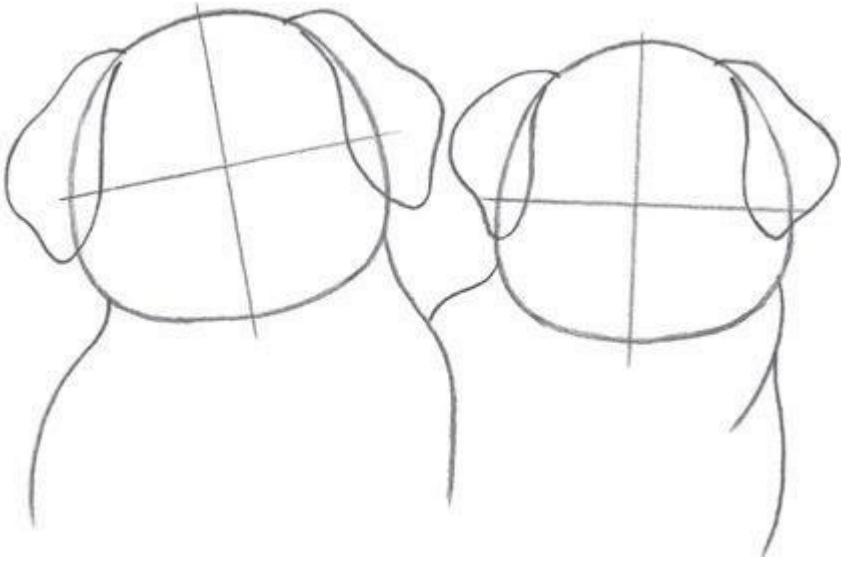
Australian Shepherd Puppies

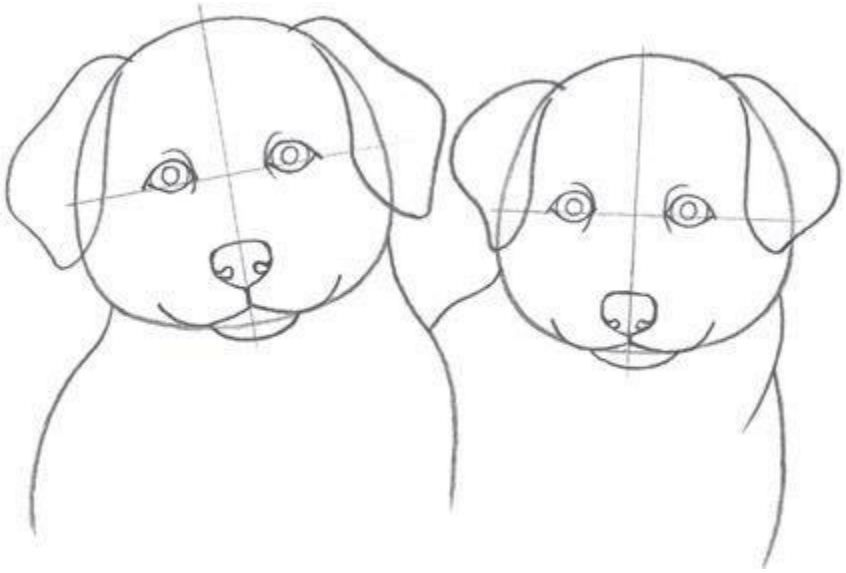
The thick ruff of fur on an Australian Shepherd's neck and chest combines with round, wide-set eyes and triangular, high-set ears to give this herding dog a playful look!



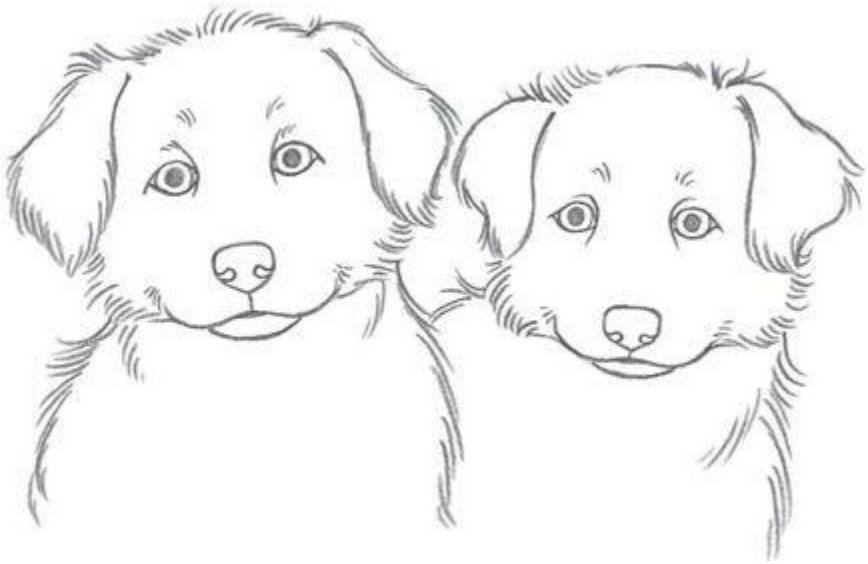
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